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This certifies that the bearer, Francis S. Cook, has been an acceptable member of the M. E. Church at Savannah, Olivesburg Circuit, North Ohio Conference.

H. Mansfield C. P.

Nov. 185?

Handed in at Rochester, Olmstead Co Minnesota Feb 17th 1861

This certifies

That Mr. George Miller and Mrs Margaret Miller his wife are members of the Congregational Church of the City of Rochester in good and regular standing and as such they are affectionately recommended to the Old School Presbyterian Church about to be organized in this City, and when received by you, their relation with with us will cease. By vote of the Church.

Rochester February 17th 1861.

M. B

Laban Tucker Church Clk

This letter not valid after one year from date. Please notify this church if the bearers are received by you

This certifies

That Mrs Elisabeth Hyatt is a member of the Congregational Church of the City of Rochester in good and regular Standing and such She is affectionately recommended to the Old School Presbyterian Church about to be organized in this City. And when received by your kind relation with us will cease. By vote of the church.

Rochester February 17th D 1861

Laban Tucker Church Clerk

N B This letter valid only one year from date.

Please notify this church if the bearer is received in your organization.

Rochester Mar. 19 - 61

Dear Brother I had A letter from the Rev - Mr Taylor saying that he was willing to come and labour Amongst us the Gospel of our Lord Jesus for A few months so we expect to see him here this week God willing — so I thought it my duty in behalf of this Church to let you know that Mr Taylor will be with us next Sabbath God willing

I hope this will find you and yours enjoying the presence and Grace of our Lord Jesus I remains your Brother in the bonds of the Gospel —

George Miller

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P. H. Hyatt. 5
Rochester, Minn.
March 21st 61.

Rev. Mr. Jackson.

Dear Sir:- Your letter is at hand; was pleased to hear from you. I received two papers from you last night. I have not received the "Home & Foreign Record" yet, as soon as they arrive, I will endeavor to distribute to the advancement of our cause. & for the building up of a church for the cause of Christ.

Mr. Morgan still continues with the Congregationalist, he is endeavoring to create a revival, his effort, I think will prove fruitless.

I received a letter from Mr. Taylor, of Okaman, stating that he would be here this week. My prayer is, that we may soon have a man to go in & out before us, & I hope Mr. Taylor will prove our Shepherd.

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Enclosed you will find the re
you desired, for the amount you sen
for taxes, which I suppose is all righ
Any favor you desire will be p
attended to.

Please find the change in
stamps, as it is the most convenie
way to send it.

Very truly, Yours,

J. H. Wyatt.

Rev Robert H. Taylor

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Rochester March 26th 1861.

Rev Sheldon Jackson

Dear Bro,

Your kind note of the 23rd inst was handed me on last evening by Mr Cooke, for which please accept my thanks.

In case my dismission from the Presbytery of Madison should arrive in time I will try and attend your meeting at St Charles. In case this is not your regular Spring meeting I would be glad to know at what time and place your meeting will be held. I would also like to know whether according to the terms of the act organizing the Presbyteries of this Synod, this church will belong to the Presbytery of Chippewa or to that of Owatonna.

I arrived at this place on Friday, and preached to a large audience on the Sabbath. Our people

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are much encouraged and their prospects are I think cheering.

Very truly Your bro in the

Robert F. Taylor

Mr Fletcher Webster

Rochester May 16th 1861.

Rev Sheldon Jackson

Dear Bro.

Your note of the 7th was recieved per Mr Hyatt. We had taken into the account the prospective embarrassments of the Bd. of D. M. in making our previous application for aid. We had not at that time raised two hundred dolls; Nor have we since. I think it will be raised, but not much more. I have nevertheless just forwarded a new application to Bro Lyon calling for $200.00. I do not see how I am to get through the year without incurring pecuniary embarrassment, but our Father is rich and He will somehow provide.

We have organized a Sabbath School. It is small but promises to be larger. The books you left we are using. I do not know whether you intended that we should keep the books & pay you for them or whether you intended to lend them to us for a time. Please say which.

Our congregations are, when the sun shines, quite large, and I think increasing. With God's blessing we shall succeed here, though some of our friends of other schools, speak evil of us, and predict our failure. In the name of our God we set up our banners.

I regretted my inability to meet you all at Presbytery. I was so very unwell that I was afraid to venture. I hope to be one of you at your next meeting.

My health is now improving somewhat, though it is still delicate and precarious.

Should you be out in this direction at any time I would be much pleased to see you.

Yours fraternally

Robert F. Taylor,

R. U. H. Taylor 8.

Rochester May 31st 1861.

Rev Sheldon Jackson

Dear Bro.

In your letter of the 21st which was duly received you offer us as a donation the Sabbath S books. For this present as well as for your kindness in other particulars we are much obliged, and may God reward you. You speak of having paid $5. for 26 copies of the Home & Foreign Record for the members of the church here. These papers have not been received, and the people were not apprized of your intention to send for them. If you are sure of having forwarded the money for that purpose we will raise the money and forward it to you. In regard to the Church Register, it is here and we will send the money for it shortly. I would do

so at once, but have no money
that is of any account. We have
had such unfavorable weather for s
eral Sabbaths that our congregati
have been diminished somewhat.
We have not deemed it advisable
due the circumstances to take up
collection. The other books that
here have none of them been sold a
It is a pretty hard ~~money~~ matter to get you
money for any thing now. As soon
I may be I will endeavor to disp
of the others.

Our cause is evidently gaining g
here, though is some opposition
Our Congregational brethren wic
feel a little unbrotherly towards
but this I hope will pass away.

For a fortnight my health has b
steadily improving.

Your brother in Christ,

Robert F. Taylor

Rochester July 10th 1861.

Rev Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother,

Your note of the 8th is before me. I passed about six weeks at Okuman before coming hither. They have there nine members with some four or five more who are ready to join the church. Our church is likely to be foremost in that place. The village is small, having not exceeding one hundred inhabitants. The surrounding country is good. They are able to raise more than $125 among themselves in the way of salary and this would have to be taken chiefly in produce. They have begun to erect a house of worship, but whether they are going on with

it at present I am not informed. Bro Caldwell was here two weeks since. He informs me that there is a probable opportunity of organizing a church in Faribault at some time not remote as there have a number of Presbyterians moved into that region recently. I made an excursion with Bro C into Dodge County. In the neighborhood of Ashland eight miles south west of Waseoja we found some twenty three or four members of the different branches of our church. Chiefly Scottish whom he will organize & supply on next Saturday & Sabbath. They have quite an encouraging start there and will doubtless take the lead in Religious matters in that community.

At Belle plains also there is probably a good opening. This latter is situated on the Minnesota River 30 miles below St Peter. There is a little company of our people about ten miles from there who may be organized into a church. Which in connection with the church already in Belle plains would make an interesting field. Okaman had better be associated with Faribault. They are twenty miles apart but there is a good road between. All fields out west will of course be Missionary fields deriving their support chiefly from the Bd.

My health is improving I think though it is still precarious. If your friend should go west I would be glad to see him. Should he pass this way & will give him all

Robt J Taylor
June 16th 1

the information respecting plac
I am in possession of.

At what time do the
Synod & Presbytery meet in
the fall?

Yours fraternally
Robert J Taylor

Canton Ill. Nov 6th 1861.

Rev Sheldon Jackson

Dear Brother,

You will have heard ere this I presume that I have left Rochester to pass the winter in this place. My health has been so bad since I saw you that I have felt it to be my duty to desist entirely from preaching for a season, and as I had the offer of good quarters here which would cost me nothing I resolved to accept it. I reached here a short time since, after having spent some time with my friends in Macomb. My health is quite improved. My cough is worse than it has been for months, and my lungs are seriously threatened. I hope by exercising freely on the farm in good weather, and keeping close at other

times I may be able to remit. In case I am sufficiently restored and they are not supplied at Rochester and if I can have a prospect of being supported there I may return in the Spring. I became much attached to the brethren at Lynnd, and hope I may be permitted to meet with them again frequently.

If however you should have a suitable opportunity of supplying Rochester it will be advisable not to wait for me, as many doubts hang over my future. It is indeed extremely doubtful whether I shall ever be able to take charge of a church again. And even if my health should be restored I fear that my pecuniary affairs are so involved as to oblige me to labor where I can obtain a good salary.

I hope that if practicable you will visit Rochester and encourage and stimulate them as much as practicable.

I send you herewith $3, in partial payment for the Hymn books. I paid you $2 at Lynnd I believe, which with this will make $5, or 40 cts more than the church paid me for you. This balance I will pay for them. I should be much pleased to hear from you occasionally.

I was sorry though not surprised to hear that your son called to mourn your only child.

May the grace of the sympathizing Savior be your abundant consolation.

As ever Your brother in Christ.

Robert F Taylor.

Second deposit of Shulam Jackson in ~~Safe 2. V~~
see letter file 1909
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Wilson Rev. J. L.

Sermon: "Imputation of sin and righteousness."
Hanover 1835. 8vo. pp. 20.

Vol. 54.

Rev Geo. Nicolls

Rochester Dec 23d 1861

Dear Bro Jackson

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Rebellion seems the order of the day — you will not think it strange if I too fall into it. The people here have invited me to remain with them — urging that Ashland is supplied part of the time while they are not.

Also there are several Scottish families near R — who being U.P. Ress — hold themselves aloof from this church — it is thought that my influence may have some weight with them.

I have had but a few minutes interview with Mr Miller — he is a fellow Townsman and perhaps an old Scottish friend — at least — we soon found that

in Scotland we have acquaintances in common. I will know more when I see him again. This is worth much.

My ride here was a cold one. I suffered much during Thurs. night: but happily the exposure has left no injurious effects. Thurs. is cold.

Please notice the P.O. for me and if any letters come home please forward.

Much love to Mr Jackson all your household.

Affectionately

Geo. Finlie

12.

Rochester Jan 9th 1862

Dear Bro Jackson

I received to-day yours of the 6th. I am sorry to hear of your father's sickness. You do not mention Mrs. Jackson. I am anxious to hear from her – but hope from your silence that her ailment is removed – or at worst – known to be trifling.

In regard to money matters I am half inclined to accept your offer. I will first inquire a little more particularly about it. You say – the person on the farm "has ten years to pay it in" – Has he the privilege of paying it in installments year by year – and in large or small payments – as suitable for himself?

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Such an arrangement would not be so suitable for me: as the money coming back on my hands in that way would give me much trouble.

I have thought some, that, if my Mother-in-law and part of her family would move out here, ~~that~~ I would invest my money in land near by and let them work it.

Is there wood and water on your lot? You told me all about it once but not being interested in it, I have forgotten. Would the money (the $1000) be paid here or paid in Amsterdam?

I am becoming deeply interested in Ch. matters here. The field of labor is opening around me very rapidly

I had service last Sabbath six miles East on the Winona road - the Scottish settlement - had a large attendance - and will now have the service statedly - every other Sab. Next week I hope to visit Marion - I am told that some of the leading men there are Presbyterians and talk of organizing a Ch. There are Presb. families around us in various directions -

Dr. Fletcher & family - living 7 or 8 miles distant on the Wabasha road will connect ~~himself~~ themselves with us at our Com. next Sab. This will add four to our number. perhaps some others will come in.

I am boarding with Mrs. Olyatt, and am very pleasantly situated.

In the letter you forwarded
to me last week was one
from Bro. Edwards - inviting
me to the Ch. at Strondsburg. I
which he is leaving. He goes
Cal., and I suppose is now
on his way. Another was from
Bro Lansing inviting me to come
him at New Salem - another
from Bro Burton urging me very
strongly to Nebraska. Had
received them before leaving
home - it is probable I would
not have come - as it is -
am the more strongly encouraged
to hope that I am <u>sent</u> of
and that God has work for
me here -
With much love to Mrs. Jan
son - I am
Very truly Yours
Geo. Ainsle

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Rochester Jan 17.

Dear Bro Jackson

Yours of the 13th is on hand. On the whole it seems best that I should wait a few weeks or months and perhaps invest my money near Rochester for the present benefit of my friends if they will move out here and the future benefit of my boys whom, if spared — I expect to make farmers.

I have visited Marion. The Presbyterian element there is not strong enough to justify a Ch. organization. I found a Presb. family this side of M— who had not heard of our

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organization here and who had not seen a Presb. Minister since coming to Minn. — 4 years — They are coming to Ch. next Sab. They consider the distance six miles — as nothing. Their name is Durgea. Mrs D — is a daughter of Rev Mr. Halliday of whom you may have heard He was a member of Albany Presb'y — was settled at Primeton and New Scotland. She is a warm hearted Christian. Mr D has never made a profession but was brought up a Presb. They have a large family of Children three or four grown up — A daughter is teaching school near K —
I look upon them as quite an accession to our Ch. Mrs D thinks she can find another Presb. family. Do you remember Dr. Guthrie's anecdote of the Sailor rescued from the wreck greaming out "There is another man"

I am glad to hear of Mrs Jacksons recovery — Hope soon to hear good news of your father.

Kind regards to the ladies at the Seminary and to all the brethren.

Truly Yours
Geo. Anislie

P.S. There is a Mr Toll — at Marion, from Fonda — and a member of the Dutch Ref. Ch. — a very able man who could do much to sustain a Ch — but he is about disposing of his property there to return home.

Rev Geo Ainslie

14.

Rochester Jan 20th/62

Dear Bro. Frothingham

You have no doubt heard from Bro Jackson that I am at Rochester, and that God is giving me here a wide field of labor.

I enjoy the place and the work thus far. Tho' there is much to discourage - there is reason also to "thank God and take courage" The enemy has sown tares here with a lavish hand - and the soil seems congenial to them for they grow luxuriantly. There is also here and there a little of the good wheat - in blade or ear.

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I have three services on the Sab – every A.M. here:– in the P.M. every other Sab – six miles out of Town:– (I am seeking another out place to alternate with this) and in the evening here again at 7 O. Clock. This keeps me pretty busy on Sab. – I will need to be busy on week days also, as there are families secluded here and there who need to be sought out and labored with.

I have just been reading a letter from Father Byington wh. was forwarded to me from Vt. I enclose it for you and also one from Mr Young and Bro. Brodhead's which though old may be of interest to you. The Vt. letters please forward to Bro. Jackson – with instructions to forward them to Vt. They came to me from Miss Deming. Thetford. but it will be better to forward them direct to Miss Downing. Father B's letter gives her address.

Poor Choctaws. How poisonous the cup they are now madly drinking.

These letters, – especially Father B's, – are very precious to Miss Downing. take good care of them.

My hope of returning to the Choctaws is rather waning. I fear a year's residence in Minn will do much to make it decay. though I fear there will not soon be an opening for Northern men – nor will it be so pleasant laboring

arm in arm with [illegible]
who pray as Mr. King[illegible]

I am very comf[illegible]
ably situated here: and, [illegible]
my Children here, would fe[illegible]
no want. I will not [illegible]
wholly contented till I he[illegible]
them here.

When you write home
remember me kindly to you[illegible]
mother and Washington
Write to me when you c[illegible]
and do not take pattern
[illegible] for I confess myself dil[illegible]

Kind regards to Mrs. Fer[illegible]
ingham and Ella

Yours in Gospel bonds
Geo. Ainsl[illegible]

Rochester Jan 28th 1862

Dear Bro. Jackson

I ought to have sent this by this morning's Mail but was interrupted last evening. Bros Speer & Haslet are here from Lake City. Bro S. came to lecture to us on China - Last night there was no audience. He will try it again tonight.

I sent by Mr. Cook's teams for the things I left with you The people here have an arrangement with you about some S.S. Books. I hope it is understood on your part - or my demand for books will appear strange to you.

If you have a Home and For Board of Jan. to Spar please send me one. I have written to New York

for mine but the Jan No. is not sent and I think will not be.

I had a long letter from Father Lowrie a few days ago. He thinks the resumption of the Choctaw Mission by our Board a very improbable thing. The authorities at Washington have told him that there will be nothing in the way of resuming it, that it is likely the funds will be forthcoming as heretofore.- But the labor of recollecting teachers and things needful for Schools,- now scattered,- he thinks is too great a work. He shrinks back from it. This is his private opinion. I think the Board will see it otherwise.

I visited Mrs. Stewart last week,- to me a very pleasant visit. She gave me a very warm reception. She thinks she will unite with us here. On my way home visited Mr Angus — a good Scotsman from Perth. I have hopes that he will also connect with us. My summer's campaign is opening promisingly. In every direction I have penetrated, I find warm hearted Presb. families with whom I can find homes while engaged in "preaching from house to house" N.E. E. S.E. S. and S.W. I find such families. The other points of the Compass I have not visited. Hope that Providence will favor me there also.

I am engaged, this week, setting on foot a City Tract Society. I fear the other brethren are going coldly into it

I sent to Bro Frothingham
letters from Father Byington
and Mr. Young - with a request
that he wd send on to you
Will you please send to Mr
Downing - as you find her adde
in Mr. Byington's letter. Plea
send me that address - I ha
forgotten it - I will write to
Miss Denny how they hav
been sent - so that Miss Do
can recover them should the
be any mistake.
I sent them round by Bro F. and
you for I thought they wd
treat you.
Much love to Mrs. Jan
Your fellow servant
Geo. Arisle

The brethren from Lake City se
their kind regards.

George Ainslie 16.

Rochester Mar 3d 1862

Dear Bro Jackson.

I write to say that I have received yours of the 22nd ult. The box has not yet come to hand. The former box by way of Winona got here safe.

Please assure Mrs Mills of my grateful appreciation of her kindness and generosity.

I write at this time chiefly to say that Dr Hobbs is enquiring what encouragement there is for him to come to Minn. I think you know Dr. Hobbs. If you never met with him — let me assure you that in all the Outlaws mission there was not a more earnest Christian.

S

Withal a Mass. Presb. would be just the thing in some sections. Perhaps you know of some section where the Dr would suit. Will you write to me — or rather write direct to the Dr. New Lenox. Mass. (S.L. Flobbs) I would rejoice to have him here.

What time does Presb'y meet? Where does our Gen. As. meet? I have forgotten.

The snow storm yesterday thinned out our Churches I had only eight. Bro. Whitman had 13. Bro W— talks of leaving Rochester. He is not popular. On Sab evening we had what was to be a Union Monthly Concert — only five were present. We expect all the Churches here to join in this hereafter.

Providence permitting I will be at your meeting of Presb'y. I will then talk over my plans with you. I have some encouragement in my work. To God be all the Glory.

Much love to Mrs. Jackson and all La Crescent friends

Your fellow Servant

Geo. Ainslie.

George Ainslie 17.

Rochester Mar 13th 62

Dear Bro. Jackson

Yours of the 11 is just in hand. As to Dr Hobbs' qualifications to be a Western pastor I can only judge from his labors and success among the Choctaws. He, there, was the most successful of us all. He was indefatigable in his labors - had far off preaching places wh he statedly supplied. He has a happy way with youth and would do well having a school in connection - I have heard him preach only a few times and have always enjoyed his sermons - He is slow and embarrassed without notes - yet ever succeeds in saying much that is precious. Perhaps in a Scottish neighborhood he would not be the best man - but

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I wd venture to recommen
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Bro Frothingham has heard
him preach - you had bette
consult him
We talk of building a ne
Church this & coming Summ
Can you send me the pl
of your Ch. and also a ste
ment of expense - also wh
aid we may expect from Bo
I have, this week, been e
plorsing the Town of Salem - I
but few Pres ns there.
Much love to your famil
all friends
fellow Servan
Geo Ainsl

I enclose a letter from Mr Caldwood - please return as soon as you can - I was a Companion of his through South.

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Rochester May 17th 1862

Dear Bro. Jackson

I send the plan of Church to you as I fear Bro Trothingham will be away before it can reach him — you can forward it to one of his elders or to building Com.

Preached home in night — was glad to get back once more to the sanctuary — the meeting is a pleasant one.

I forgot to make arrangements for a copy of the minutes — for this year though I suppose I may as well send to the Printing House or to Carter for my copy —

Providence favoring — I expect to get home in May. You can guess the reason. With best wishes to Mrs Jackson — I remain

Your fellow servant

Geo. Hill

Rochester July 4th /62

Dear Bro. Jackson.

Very this seems favorable for our meeting of Presb. next week. I hope nothing will come in the way to hinder you from coming for I long to see you. We look for Mrs Jackson also - and my people will be glad to see her - though I would rather see her here a month or two later - Mother Choctaw sister D.V. will be here to welcome her - She had left the Mission before you arrived but Choctaws - like Shoshoni - are very clannish and are kin together or without acquaintance.

Mr Cowles expects to entertain you and Mrs Jackson. Mrs Cook is in very poor health and will

not likely be able to sei-
ny one at their home.

I am looking for Charl
Hagaman now every day - f
Amsterdam - have bought a ho-

Kind regards to Mr & Mr
Evans and all the good f
of Dalkeith - we will b
for Bro. Mercer along wi
men.

Affectionately
Geo Hoa

Rev Geo Ainslie

20.

Rochester Nov 28th 1862

Dear Bro. Jackson

A few days ago the enclosed document came to hand from Bro Speer - with directions to forward it on to you - I sign it very reluctantly for it does not meet my views - I was anxious that the attention of government should be called to <u>all</u> the unsettled Indians - that a timely disposal of them may save them from the fate of the Sioux. Instead of this Bro Speer has limited the memorial to the Sioux alone.

I think I will send on the memorial to you as it is - without my name - If you approve of it and think there is need of haste in getting it to

Washington you may sign my name and send it on. I would rather wait till Congress assemble and the condition of the Indian Territory and the tribes in question favorable for immediate action - then our memorial would have some power. The paper now before us asks for a thing at present impracticable. The Diony cannot at present or soon be sent to the Indian Territory - Nor can they be sent elsewhere. They must be kept under military power and fed till the war be over - To send them to the Territory before would only be to send a powerful auxiliary to the South - I do not think the Government will sanction execution by the hundred - I would approve the execution of a score or two of those most glaring guilty.

If you do not approve of the paper send it back to Bro. S - giving your objections - I will also write to him when I hear from you.

I enclose Brodhead's letter which you will please forward to Bro. Jas Frothingham.

Father Lowrie informs me that Mr Burtt will perhaps be able to keep his post. The storm raised against him is subsiding.

Can you inform me what was the tax per member for our Gen As delegate. I paid for my Church when at Lake City and forgot to make a minute of it - and the sum has escaped from memory -

We have had a busy time getting settled in our new house - hardly fixed yet. Serious affair when money is hard to get.

My old friend - the Ague has

called on me frequently of late—
What right has he to Come to M
or does he Claim him to Choctaw
Missionaries?
I kept, forgetfully, Mrs. Jackson
ticket from Amsterdam to Albany
I afterwards used it — and owe y
therefor Sixty six Cents.
Mrs A. joins in love to you
both —
Your fellow Servant
Geo. Ainslie.

Rochester Nov 24th 1862

At a meeting of the Presbyterian Church and Congregation held at Morton Hall Nov 24th 1862
Mr George Miller was called to the Chair
Rev Geo. Ainslie appointed Clerk.
It was resolved that a Board of four Trustees be elected as trustees of the 1st Presbyterian Church of Rochester
The following persons were then elected by ballot John R. Cook John Hyslop - John Yates and Dr F. L. Fletcher
It was further resolved that the four trustees elect serve each - one two three and four years respectively and that at their first meeting they shall decide by lot the number of years each shall serve —
As the office of one trustee shall thus expire annually it was resolved that a trustee be elected annually to fill the place of the retiring trustee and the trustee thus elected hold office for four years -
Resolved that the trustees are instructed to procure a place in which to hold worship during the winter
Meeting then adjourned "sine die"

Geo. Ainslie Sec.

Rev Geo Ainslie
22.

Richmond Dec 15. 1862

Dear Bro Jackson

Yours of the 11th came to hand this morning. I am perfectly willing for you to sign my name to the memorial as you have altered it.

In regard to your kind request of your former letter — that I would come and assist you in your proposed meetings — I would most gladly comply — but I fear to make any premises. I am ill to-day with Quinsy — hardly able to speak — Yesterday had to neglect my three appointments much to my regret. My illness, I suppose, is the result of overdoing a week ago. I attempted, wading through the snow, to keep my appointments as usual — I think my left tonsil will suppurate — S

In such case my throat will be weak for some time. Bro Speer has just written making a similar request. Lake City being so much nearer I may, after Dew years, be able to help him.

I rejoice in the religious interest with you and at Lake City — Pray for poor Rochester that we may not be left unvisited.

My whole outlay for Mrs Jackson was about $1.50 — from which deduct the sixty six cents — the usual fare from Amsterdam to Albany.

Mr Millar is also prostrated with sickness — Lung fever. I have not heard from him for a few days.

Mrs A joins in love to you and Mrs. Jackson

Your fellow servant
Geo Ainslie

It is my duty as Com of Prob'y on For. Miss. to stir you up in view of the approaching appointed time for the Annual Collection — I do not need — Dear Brother — to tell you of the need of a growing interest in the great work of converting the world. That there is a growing interest — generally we can easily persuade ourselves by reference to the Statistics of our Church or the history of Missions. That this interest will continue to grow we know for the signs of the times betoken that the end draweth near

Encouraged by these signs of the times — by the promise and will of God — by the enlarged entrance to all heathen nations — and admonished by the pressing wants of the Board — by the recent

death of so many of our mos
gifted Missionaries whose pla
should at once be filled — let
do what in us lies — by our
prayers — by our alms — by our
influence with others — to give the
Cause a new and more
ous growth in our respective
gregations. And while we pray
as directed — Lk 10: 2 — Strive yourse
to raise up laborers — that they
seem be increased an hundred fold

And may the Lord of the Harv
hear your prayers — and sanctify
alms and efforts — for the extens
of His Kingdom and promotion of
Glory —

Yours in the Lord

Geo Airs

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Geo Ainslie
23.

Rochester Feb 27. 63

Dear Bro. Jackson

I wonder you have neglected me so long — nearly three long months since your last. I wonder what you thought when you found I had neglected your request — (letter of introduction to friend Holmes.) I know what I thought when I discovered too late that I had overlooked it. Well — read Mat. 18. It will help you through all such tough spots.

I hope your not writing indicates your hands full of our Master's work. Here we are on the verge of Spring and the Winter, with me, seems to have hasted away without fruit. Yet I have been serving diligently as strength would allow.

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Ainslie

Rochester N.Y. Oct 1 1862

Mr & Mrs. Jackson

Both your letters in reply to my inquiries about the goods have been received thanks to you for your kindness. When Mr Cook wrote for his to be sent up the river he wrote also for mine – but when he sent to Winona for his mine were not there. There is something very strange about the DeCrosse firm. I shall be greatly obliged to you if you will have them sent on to Winona.

If a parcel can be sent from Sunny Side Gardens by express – or so as to get here in time to insure growing I will be glad to get a few grape roots of Isabella and Catawba say ~~three~~ Three of each – If not

two best varieties of Grapes
each — four small trees of the
common red cherry if he has
~~and~~ four small pear trees of
Seckel or Bartlett or next
two dozen of Wilson's strawberry
If he has the trees let them
be small of only one or two
growth.

I rejoice that Spring is
now a Spiritual harvest —
your ingathering be abunda
There is some seriousness a
us here — I will not call
small — for even a single s
is of great moment. Pr
for us that the shower which
watered you may also bless

Your fellow servant
Geo. Hinsle

Kind regards from us all to
Jackson.

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Rochester July 12th 1863

Dear Bro. Jackson

It seems you and I now hardly ever write to each other unless impelled by some circumstance — necessity — to make inquiry or something of the kind. I confess I am hardly free from such motive just now — though I think I would have written one of these days without waiting for more forcible motive than our old friendship! How I wish we could see each other oftener but the way is long and my company so yet it is so.

us— viz the Eldership. A young man also has come to town intending to remain. Who is from the N.S. Stark Courtland— He has taken right hold of S. School work. He and I have gathered an interesting class of Norwegian young men which he teaches. He expects a brother and other friends to join him soon—

Meetings at the out stations continue interesting. I am trying to get the children engaged by forming them into a class after preaching and hearing them from the catechism. This adds much to my labor but I trust will increase the gain of our meetings.

I have Bro Speer's Memorial to Gen. As. [illegible] send it to you & mail or wait till I see you at Synod. Please inform me who sends me the "Observer" that I may thank them and pay at least the postage.

At the Gen. As. I saw several who "talked" of coming to Minn. and said what I could to encourage them. Among others Cunningham— whom you knew at Princeton— S. E. Vance. Aloma. Knox Co. Ill. Geo A. Hutchison Monmouth. Warren Co. Ill. these two both from Chicago Sem. Have you heard from any of them?— I referred them all to you for information.

Mrs A joins in kind regards to you and Mrs Jackson.

Your fellow servant

Geo. Hinkle

the "Observer", but you did not notice the question:
If a secret please let them know that we very highly esteem the favor and would tell them ourselves if we could.

Our Academy here is now somewhat under Presb.n influence and is very flourishing — having more than sixty pupils.

I wish I could see you Dear Bro. talk with you — These repeated calls to the For. Field make me uneasy. What is duty? I ask Divine direction. Have firm confidence that He who has guided me in past changes will not forsake me now. It is inclination or prejudice that makes it seem must be Presb.n and should be looked after, and, before their love grows cold, — gathered into Church. O how hard to rouse those who have cooled down to hardness. The great tide which has been rolling past us all Summer is leaving us some precious gleanings — a few families have landed within our bounds who will strengthen and increase our Church. Last Sab we received five by letter none of them new comers — Mr & Mrs. Parkhill moved here last Fall. Mr P. has a brother just arrived — a physician — who I think is sent of Providence — to fill a place much needed among

Rochester Minn. Oct 5th 1862

Dear Br. Jackson

We all missed you at Synod very much and hereafter you must order your affairs so as never again to be absent. We needed you, at least I did for they have disposed of me in such a way that I am very much dissatisfied and have serious thoughts of leaving the field. Indeed I found on my return a letter from Father Lowrie offering to us the Kansas Mission. We have not accepted the appointment we shall decline — referred back the subject to the decision of the Board — stating plainly the state of Mrs. W's health. I do not know whether the Agent will exempt her from the draft or no. We will know soon.

If I leave, you must come to Rochester. You will soon build up a noble Church here.

If I go not to the Mission what chance is there for me to go six months or so under the U.S. Christ'n Com. Ass'n to Blunt's army in Ark? Or would they hang me at Ft Smith for breaking my parole? Perhaps I could be exchanged before going.

I am not weary of the work here — indeed more and more interested and if I remain hope to labor this winter as I have never labored before.

In my last I asked you to tell me who sends us

Rochester ~~Oct~~ Nov 11. 1863

Dear Bro. Jackson

Your kind note has just come to hand and I hasten to reply. We are glad to hear that you are gaining and hope that you may soon be permitted to resume your labors. Fevers have been so very fatal around us this Fall that we dread to hear of friends prostrated. May God bless both your sickness and your recovery to your own good and the good of others.

In regard to the offer from Brooklyn I [illegible] know what to write – Our wants are [illegible] the while

George Friedli

I find it difficult – I might say impossible – to find here shoes – being at the same time light and water-proof – but perhaps it is not best to trouble friends on that point. I wear No 10 – large – Mrs Ainslie's only want is rubbers – worn over shoes No 4. I tried last Winter, – without success, – to find a pair of fur overshoes for her – she is, on account of her Ague, so much troubled with cold feet. I could find nothing small enough –

A supply of warm mittens for all would be acceptable

This is all I can think of at present

I am sorry to trouble any good friends but really at the present high prices of all things we buy our little salaries are nothing at all – If it were not for the farm I would soon be insolvent –

Mrs A joins in kind regards to you both – Kiss the little daughter for us both – We would gladly accept your invitation to visit you but cannot at present promise it –

Your fellow Servant

Geo Ainslie

May I specify particularly shirts for the boys. flannel for winter – if one may think of it in these times – common cotton – striped or colored for summer wear.

M. E. A.

Mrs "my hearing is just growing after illness, a couple of ladies knits for the head, for Sat. & week-day wear would be a great convenience.

[illegible]
so [illegible]
troubling a society with them. Bro Lyon wrote me a few days ago that he thought a single box would do both his family and mine. I will write to him this morning and tell him to send you a list of his wants.

About my only want is a plain warm overcoat for my winter walks over the prairie. A general supply of under and outer clothing for our boys for this winter and next summer would be very acceptable. Charlie is seven past and Johnnie nine - but they are both large of their age and would need as large clothes as most city boys of nine and eleven. We would for them rather have clothing strong than fine.

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Office Mass. S.A.

Lebanon March 9th 1880

Mr George Hustis
Rochester Mass

Dear Brother Your letter of Jany 25th which was a long with
in reading as was laid before the Board on Monday at the
first meeting after it arrived. Very careful consideration was
given and heavy sympathy felt with your endeavours. The deliberate
judgment however of the Board was

1st That it would be impossible to erect such a Church as
you propose for $2000. Our experience and observation satisfy
us that you cannot build a house holding 400 people with a
basement for $2000 or anything like that sum. Basements
add much more to the cost of a house than is usually
supposed

that will answer as a lecture room hereafter
While the Board cannot of course in the present
stage of your application make any pledges of positive
kind I have not a doubt an immediate application
in due form would result in a grant of $500 to build
a small house costing say $1500
4th The public sentiment of the church and of the most
liberal contributors is such that a grant of $1000 to
your church or any other would as soon as known
seriously diminish the income of the Board and
a few such grants would bankrupt the Board and
excite expectations of help to other churches that could
not be realized
5th It is more [illegible] with a [illegible]

experience has forced us [illegible] conclusion [illegible]
is not wise to build for the future. We have seen it tried
very often with disastrous results. Anticipations of the growth
of towns through which railways simply pass are seldom
realized. The true policy is to build for the present with
a view to easy and cheap enlargement when it becomes
necessary. It is easy to enlarge a church if built with a
view to enlargement when it is filled. A small neat house
in a good location without debt is better than a larger
structure encumbered with debt
3 It is useless for you to undertake to compete with the
Congregationalists if they have by some previous facilities obtained
$3000 each. An attempt to do so cannot succeed. Build a
small house in a good location that you can readily enlarge

secure a place of worship build. If you cannot defer it for the present. Applications for aid abroad now are not likely to succeed; and the Board is so crippled by such applications that a grant of the size proposed could not be justified to a Church seeking such aid

I have written to you my brother frankly the views of the Board. We sympathise with you; and appreciate your difficulties and self denials. We are sorry we cannot, with the light we have, and fettered as we are, do what you desire

We hope what is proposed will enable you to secure an humble sanctuary for present wants. We enclose you herewith the usual questions. With Christian regards I remain

Yours fraternally H. S. Coe

Received Gowns from Mrs Ed

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Rochester Minn Mar 12th 1864

Dear Bro

Our Meeting has just adjourned Owing to the Mud the attendance was not so large as desirable – still it was respectable and in regard to the subjects that came before us it was unanimous.

A Call was drawn up and unanimously adopted and the names of all present appended – It was worded as in the book except using the word co-pastor and not expressing the amount promised I retain it a few days to get the signatures of some not present – Mr Miller was detained at home by sickness – Andrews, Mansbury, Cook, Vanschaick, – Elliott, Hyslop, McBride, Parkhill – Mrs Elliott – Mrs Miller – gave their opinion and voice. Mr Andrews was chosen Trustee. The Trustees will proceed immediately to selection of lot.

I enclose letters from Mr Mansbury – Mr McBride will hand his as soon as possible.

We should hear from you as soon as possible Let us be very earnest in seeking the Divine guidance and blessing on this whole movement.

Your brother in Christ
Geo Findlay

J. G. Wells 30.

Black River Falls, Wis.,
March 15th, 1864.

Bro. Jackson,

Yours of the 11th inst. was received yesterday. I caused no little surprise. What is the matter with your charge at La Crescent, that you think of leaving it? or with Bro. Ainslie, that he will not continue at Rochester? Is he not now at Rochester? I am not surprised at the removal of Bro. Parrott, as he was not satisfied at Melrose; & yet, if he had continued there, he would have succeeded after some time. The little band of Irish Presbyterians would have been as near him at Melrose as Hixton is to this place; besides, there were several Presbyterians near Davis's ferry where he preached

once or twice. That place (Davis's) is on the road to Pine Hill, near which those Irish friends live. I hope we shall not abandon Melrose altogether, hard a place as it is. Is there any church organized at Brownsville where Bro. P. is at present? I hope you will write soon & let me know of your plans, so far as they are not private. I hope nothing unpleasant has occurred at La Crescent or Rochester, that has made you think of changing your location, or Bro. Ainslie.

You can use my name in behalf of your enterprise. Next to God's presence & blessing, we need houses of worship for our little churches. I am not doing very rapid work in my field; but our cause is progressing. At Hixton we are beginning to build, if getting some of the material ready may be called making a beginning.

You did not write a word about the reason of Bro. Parrott's leaving Melrose so suddenly. I hope he had no trouble except the poor encouragement he met with.

My work keeps me very busy. I have enough for two men to do. But I hope to get through with my work.

I think Mr Gardiner could do well here in that store. Their cash sales last year were about ten thousand dollars — so I have been told. I wish we could get some more Prest. material into our village. Still, this would not be a very good place for his family — his boys.

Remember me to the friends.

Yours, truly,

J. G. Wells.

31.

Rochester Minn. Mar 17th 1864

Dear Bro. Jackson

I am looking longingly for word from you. Mr Andrews would see you yesterday and give you all necessary information. The Call I have sent over to Elder Miller to sign as he was too sick to attend our meeting on Sat. I have seen most who were not present at our meeting and obtained their cordial consent to add their names to the call. I have just heard from the Board of Ch. Ex. not however from the application of Prob. They will promise

only $500. Perhaps you had better correspond with Dr Coe before going East so as to have a full understanding in regard to the whole matter.

I have been very busy this week, having three distant appointments. Kind regards to Mrs. Jackson and all

Your fellow servant
Geo. Ainslie

Rochester Minn Mar 28th 1864

Dear Bro Jackson

Mr Cook wrote to you on Sat. or will drop you a note from La Crosse to morrow on his way East. Our choice between the different lots is to be made today though I will try and postpone receiving the writings till I hear from you I wish you were here to-day. The Carpenter lots on the block South of Cooks Store are not to be thought of. The lots are small - 22 X 94 on a held at $350 a piece. Our choice then lies between the two lots West of Cooks Store each lot 44 X 124 giving barely sufficient room for the two buildings — and the three lots West of Cong Ch each 50 X 124. The lots North of Cong Ch have lately been thrown into law so that it is unsafe to buy them. Mr Cook prefers the site West of Cong. Ch — It affords more room and is much more free from outside annoyance. The lot adjoining Cong Ch. may also be bought Gen had better buy that and build a parsonage. Charlie Morton owns both these sites and if we buy the West one will want $700 paid by the 12th of Apr. If the ladies can furnish their half we would try and pay the whole down. Let me know as soon as possible. I enclose Dr Coe's letter. Gen had better correspond with him before going East. Is the Seminary property to be deeded to Mrs. Rice? Much love to all

Yours aff Geo. Hindle

33.

Dear Bro Jackson

I send the Call with the names of all I have seen and feel assured that it is the very unanimous voice of the Church and Congregation. If you desire the names of all I will obtain them and forward to you.

I have not obtained Mr Cooks letters yet. He writes to individuals in Ft Wayne where he feels confident you will get assistance.

My people in Mr Forbes' neighborhood

S. G. Airhart

and the one South met at the house of Mr Forbes for donation visit last night. Owing to the cold only few came out - $38 was handed in besides a variety of eatables.

Mrs A joins in love to all

Your fellow servant

Geo Arnold

Mr Miller returned the call to me by a Norwegian who lost it in the mud but afterwards found it again

[illegible] Johnson
and some other places. Write fully in regard
to future movements. Mr Cook visited Fort
Wayne and said he would commend you
and the cause to such as he could. There
is a family moving from Ft Wayne into our
vicinity.

You will meet Dr Coe at the Gen As.
and through some of the good friends can influence
him to be generous and grant us the $500.
I will write soon again. May the Saviour
give you favor and success throughout the Churches

Yours truly

Geo. Ainslie

C.J.

Rochester Apr 27th 1864

Dear Bro Jackson

I have been waiting till I could write you something definite in regard to our action. The trustees have had two meetings this week to consider size material form &c. A basement was first talked over and it was unanimously concluded that it was necessary. The size of the building of the plan you sent with Mr Andrews was thought about large enough for us – i.e. 60×32. In regard to material considerable diversity of opinion was found. Mr Cook's first choice was brick Mr Andrews' and mine was stone – if not stone Mr Andrews thought wood rather than brick. Mr McBride who was present thought brick the best. There was not much choice present thought there was not much choice. It was finally left for Messrs Cook and Andrews to ascertain from Mechanics wh would be the cheapest and agree between themselves which it should be. There will be some trouble in finding hands just now though we can have our stone quarried right away. Brick cannot be had till the last of July.

I have much anxiety – in regard to the Seminary buildings. The plan you sent me which the ladies hoped to have built for $1500 was estimated to cost about $2000 – and now the late rise in material and wages makes it unlikely that it can be built for that. There is no place that I can rent for them.

The Board of D. M. look upon our arrange-

ment with great favor — have commissioned me elsewhere for the County having the church for you.

I think when you visit Amsterdam it would be well also to visit Gloversville and Johnstown. Rev J. N. Hancock on the Mission business at Gloversville is abundantly able to do something and is always ready for every worthy cause. My acquaintance with him is very slight so that letters from me would be of small account. Dr Backus has more influence in all that region than any one else.

I have not written letters to Amsterdam for you favorable, knowing there that you

Rochester Minn May 5th/64

35 Dear Bro Jackson

A letter came to you last week wh has been advertised. I now enclose it to you.

Trustees Cook and Andrews have talked over the Church till both are about persuaded that our best material is wood Mr C— has written to the Architect stating the size we wish — the basement — Corner laver &c asking for proportions &c. A Contract has been made for stone for basement wh will soon be quarried. Funds you have on hand can

Aron be used now buying lumber - that it may be seasoning while the basement is building - A part of our own funds has been raised and handed over to the person who sold us the lot.

Let me know what I must do with all matter that may come to you. I have directed that it be placed in my box hereafter so that it need not be advertised.

We are all in usual health. Mrs A. joins in kind regards.

Your fellow Sec[illegible]

Geo. Arnolie

36.

Rochester Minn. May 11th 1864

Dear Bro Jackson

Your letter enclosing remittance of $521 26/100 came to hand last evening. We were glad to hear that your prospects were encouraging. Mr Cook is corresponding with Randall. Hopes soon to receive from him a rough draft wh will enable them to go to work at basement. The stones are engaged and will soon be ready. but Mr Bride advises not to lay them on the ground untill the excavation is made.

I believe the trustees have about concluded to build of wood, and to follow pretty closely the pattern of Dr Lord's Chapel - having additional the corner tower you propose.

I think I had better canvass the people in regard to Carters books before ordering. I think some of our people will buy largely. I have Catalogues wh I can pass around.

Did I tell you that we had another call to the

Iowa mission and have been almost on the point of assenting!

Kind regards to Mrs Merrill when you see her and many thanks for the Observer

Your fellow pastor

Geo Anisley

37.

G. Chandler

Rochester Minn May 12

Dear Bro Jackson

Mr Stanchar

today brought up from the Ex. Office a parcel of goods from the house — being — besides a bundle sewed up in cloth by itself and addressed to me — a pair of new black pants apparently meant for you — a new cloth coat which I think about right size for Bro. Craven — a new large red linen duster — and two old coats all about Craven's size. I thought of disposing them as Pete and I have no need of coat and duster and shall on the old coats are not of much account and may remain at your disposal. Mr Stanchar said there were some charges on the box

did not learn him much.

Nothing new has given since you left. Father Chapman died last Sunday. He had brought his daughter to Rochester to attend school. He starts for Mo. next week.

Service failed last Sat. A.M. The morning was unpleasant, and Mr Andrews, who had a text to read a sermon, thought there wd be few out and dismissed S.S. and teachers to go to the other churches. Many afterwards came and went away disappointed. I preached in the evening — only a few present.

Very few were out Wed. evening and as Mr Andrews had not consulted Wilson in regard to necessary action I advised an adjournment for a week, wh was done. If John Keher is at the Ho. please ask him concerning Mr Milne who was formerly his pastor and mine. I have lost track of him.

I hope you will enjoy yourself at the Assembly. I and for two days, as a lay member — the working members are little to be envied.

We have it cold and forget with very high winds — very unlike "Merry May"

If you can do anything for Florence or Ohard do not hurry your return — we will get along. I will omit service at Clearwater the 1st Sat of June.

May 16th Mr Clarke preached for us Sab. Evening. Text — "They feared God and served their own Gods." He succeeded in the very difficult feat of preaching a long sermon without once mentioning the Saviour or even alluding to Him.

We are all in usual health. Mrs A joins in love.

Your fellow servant
Geo. Arnold

Mr Clarke goes back to Iowa. He found neither place nor peace at Manhato.

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Rochester Minn May 26th

Dear Bro Jackson

Yours enclosing $500 came safe to hand last evening. Thanks to you and above all to Him who is inclining the hearts of some of his people to aid us in our great undertaking

I am sorry to report no progress in our building yet and our delay all due to the delay of Reindall to send on the specifications so as to enable the trustees to act. As soon as the dimensions are known Mr Andrews will purchase at Wabasha the bill of lumber and teams will be engaged to excavate foundations — then the stone can be laid down to advantage. Perhaps you had

better write to Randall.

A serious disaster happen
to the Cong. Ch last Sab.
During a shower the walls fe
in leaving only the ends stand
The loss is estimated at $2000.

We worship at present in th
Baptist Ch and have a
large attendance.

I look for Bro Steer hi
in a few days. Miss Downing
and Miss are going West
teach for him during summ

With earnest prayer
for your welfare and success
I am dear Bro — Your
fellow pastor

Leo Anist

Send forward Kingdom & Commonwealth
Herald &c. Also a much
needed blank.

and can go to work immediately excavating and hauling stone.

You will probably soon see in the Independent a sad account of the Cong. Ch disaster - stating their loss at $2000 or over. Their actual loss by crushing in of walls cannot exceed the third of that sum. But they will need all the $2000 or more to finish their work and the lie if told may therefore be allowed to pass.

Bro Mercer was with us last week. He has doubts of the ladies moving the Seminary to Rochester. In their correspondence with me they have not hinted such a thing. But if it should be true not - I am good better [illegible]

Rochester Minn. June 6th 1864

Dear Bro Jackson

A roughly sketched plan of a church has at last arrived — excellent in most respects and very beautiful in appearance. With a tower on N.W. corner and an gothic window over the entrance it eclipses Dr Lord's Church. The tower is drawn to be eighty feet high. The only question is — can we afford this luxury. It seems to be the mind of the trustees to lay aside all thought of a tower until you order it. One beauty of the new plan is — dividing the ascent between basement and principal floor. The floor of vestibule is only a little above the level of the ground — from vestibule is entrance to the basement straight forward from front door — and down half the height of basement. — From each side of vestibule — stairs half the height of basement — lead to the main floor — elevated that height above the vestibule — and in order to give proper height to the vestibule itself — the floor over it is elevated several feet above main floor thus making arrangement for the choir. The whole thing is conveniently arranged — and persons entering to main floor from the street have very little ascent.

We now have the fixed size of basement

on their lots.

Are we to select books from Carter's Catalogue at his former prices or at his prices as last published? He has lately raised more than 12 per Cent.

Every thing is moving on in a very harmonious and pleasant manner. I long for your coming that I may occupy new ground.

Your fellow servant and fellow pastor
Geo Pinslie.

I wrote last week acknowledging receipt of $500. Your second remittance

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Office of G. P. Randall, Architect.

PORTLAND BLOCK,

Chicago, June 10th 1864

Rev. J. Jackson

Dear Sir. Enclosed I send you a sketch of the front and plans of the interior of your church. I think it is going to be very neat both internally and externally. They (the Com. mittee) have directed me to leave out the window in rear of the pulpit which [illegible] the

which Dr Lords had not. This has a Basement and a Tower also which Dr Lords has not.

With these additions I cannot see how anything less than $5,000. will build it.

I have written Mr Cook that I shall go on with the plans as they are, unless otherwise directed, and if you cannot raise the necessary funds you can leave the Tower off and build it with two Chimnetts like Dr Lord's church.

The Plans will be complete in about a week, and will be sent forward as soon as finished.

If no further changes are made my bill will be <u>One Hundred dollars</u> or <u>two</u> per cent on the cost the same as I stated when you was here. The plans will be very cheap at that price. Considering the amount of detail plans I have to make for them I should have charged three per cent. I will write you again as soon as the plans go forward.

Respectfully Yours H. P. Bassett

Have sent plans to the Trustees and tell them to invest liberally. Build otherwise and Tower and Chimnetts will have no use for them.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
left for them to divide up as they think best, and I shall make some unimportant changes in the details of the exterior. These sketches have just been returned from Rochester, and our cook writes that the response should not exceed $350. Now this is a lead pitch. It cannot probably be built for less than $5,000. Our barns cost about $3000, and would cost more now. This has a stone foundation

Rochester, Minn. June 17th 1864

Dear Bro. Jackson

42.

Yours with the third remittance of $500 — came safe to hand early in the week — and I have delayed for two or three days to reply because my time has been taken up seeking for my pony, which disappeared mysteriously — during Tues. night. I fear she is stolen — which, if so, will to me be a very unhappy affair — for now I must resume my old habits of walking and that just — as our trying Summer weather is approaching.

We are ashamed when you are doing so much, that we are doing almost — nothing — Indeed the prospect of doing much

They will be a[illegible] days in the First Nat'l Bank. If part lay over - can not some way be adopted whereby some interest - can be obtained I suppose our good brethren of the Cong. Ch. would gladly borrow at 10 or 12 per cent. But I cannot speak highly of such a place of deposit. It now appears that all the walls of their Church must come down before they can resume work. We are heartily sorry for their loss - though the outside world make themselves merry over it - and call it punishment for pride. Since hearing Dr Addi on Luke 13 - I dare not condemn.

I long exceedingly for your coming, but will not ask you to hasten - for so long as the Lord is blessing your efforts to raise that which is needful to build his temple your way of duty is plain. I am persuaded that the work will need all you can raise. Material and wages are advancing at such a rate that we cannot reckon what we will need. Did you see Sec. Coe? I would judge from his very favorable report to Gen. As. that he would assist us to the extent of $500.

What has happened to my good friend Mrs Merrill?. My Observer has discontinued its visits.

Mrs. A's health is very poor - She has not been at church for five weeks. The rest of us are well.

Give our kind regards to Mrs Jackson when you write. Your fellow servant and fellow pastor

has just taken another great rise and very hard to obtain at any price. I begin to think that when we have our Basement walls up — if the lumber market is not more favorable — our best plan is to lay a temporary roof over our basement and, — finishing it so as to use it, — suspend labor till times be more favorable. Our people are united and cheerful — seem to acquiesce in whatever plan is considered best. In regard to your inquiry what is best to with the funds you raise — Mr Andrews — (Frederick W. Andrews) says you must do what you think best. The funds will be quite safe in Mr Cook's hands or in Mr Andrews'

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on a draft on Mr Cobb
for that amount, and will
send a receipt in full.

Respectfully Yours

W. P. Randall

P.S. I send the bill to you at
your request as pr a previous letter

&c

Office of G. P. Randall, Architect.
20 —PORTLAND BLOCK,

Chicago, June 24th 1864

Rev. Milton Jackson,

Sir, The plans for your church are all made out full and complete and I put forward by Express to Mr Ralph, on the 20th inst.

They are a very excellent set of plans, and cost me before they left the office, $150, — As I told you I could make them for ten per cent on the estimated cost of the building in Chicago, I do not see that I have a right to charge you more than about the sum I named in my last letter, ($100,) but I should not make the same drawings again short of $150, — I have heretofore done such work for ten per cent, but the present high prices will compel me to raise my commission for building requiring much elaborate details, per agreement of

Can you send

to work as soon as they are ready.

We have had a copious supply of rain — but I fear not enough to raise old Miss. There is no lumber just now at any of the accessible river ports — Men engaged in building are obliged to suspend work. This looks dark — still I do not despond and firmly hope to even without lumber we can get our Pavement in trim for winter use.

If you can drop me a line telling me how you are coming — if by stage from St Charles I can meet you at the stage office on your arrival and bring you right up —

Rochester Minn. July 14th

Dear Bro. Jackson

Yours from Ill. came duly to hand. I was glad indeed to hear reaffirmed that you would be with us next week. I am sorry to say that we have failed to find a house for you — but instead shall welcome you to our own home — to stay with us as long as needful — only having it understood that we cannot entertain you as boarders — or in any way as increasing Mrs Amalia's labor — as her health is already seriously impaired from overdoing.

In a few days or weeks — I hope arrangements can be made for her going East for a rest and for change — when it will be a kind Providence if we can give the keys to Mrs Jackson — retaining for myself the privilege of staying with you now and then — In the mean time it is better for you to come right to our house and if you must needs engage a "boarding place" you can have opportunity to choose for yourself between a number of places to be had.

The excavation of Church Basement is going on and I hope it will be ready some time next week — Thurs. or Friday — to receive the stones, we will then have a good "bee" for hauling before harvest begins — so that the Masons can get

[illegible] to Mrs. [illegible] Mrs. Andrew
Mrs A joins in love to you and Mrs. Jackson —
Your fellow servant
Geo Amodee

Please pay for me to Mr. Harris — the
nursery man — two dollars — for the
fruit trees. I sent it by Bro Mercer
but he forgot to pay it.

Saturday

Dr Bro Jackson

You will remember that to morrow is Collection day being first Sab of the month — If I should find my appt at Oreneco at 5 P.M. I will not be able to return to Monthly Convt. You may act your pleasure as to appointing one. If held, the Collection will be for our Board

I told Fletcher's yesterday that you would preach for them — a week from to-morrow — I was wrong. It is two weeks from to morrow. I think they will be in

to morrow. By all means get this mistake of mine corrected. Chas will sing for you.

How would it do to give out public notice to morrow of team work for the week? Henry Graves expressed himself quite willing to give some more help. Perhaps some teams in the West Neighborhood might volunteer.

My bluiors, to day, are very painful.

Your fellow servant

Geo. Arnold

Mr. A. wishes me to add "Please give notice tomorrow, of services at Mr Forbes one week from tomorrow.

E. A.

46.

Detroit Mich
Aug 13 1864

Rev Sheldon Jackson
Dear Sir.

I have been so hurried while in Meabashaw & since leaving that I have not written you. A portion of the Price of lumber can be furnished at once, the flooring in feet at 35 dolls per m. A portion of the ~~Sheathing~~ Sheathing, joists &c A portion of the clear inch boards,

The siles & posts will no doubt have to be cut & hewed in the big woods near Rochester, or perhaps down there. It will undoubtedly be the cheapest way they can be obtained.

Mr Gies the lumber dealer at Meabashaw will be in Rochester within a week & will call upon you. In the mean time

I would by all means say to Mr Pool we will take his stove, for it is <u>barely</u> possible we shall need it all winter –

Yours Truly

J. W. Anderson

A. W. Andrews
47.

Rochester May 17 1860

Geo S Jackson
Esq

Your enclosing draft for $ 114.80 came duly to hand. I have rec'd the same & in a day or two shall go on with the painting. Augusta is progressing slowly with the work on the lawn. All matters are moving as usual here. Expect Mr Hall to preach on Sunday. You speak of real Estate security. I have no real Estate worth securing & Mr Croll cannot feel willing to give his homestead. Your firm will have to be satisfied with a note the name of which will be a sufficient guarantee that it is safe. Wishing a pleasant journey I am

Yours

W. S. Andrews

The note is being brought up as a
signature enough to satisfy
the most fastidious —

48.

Rochester, Minn., Feb. 11, 1907.

[illegible]

[illegible] Mennonite [illegible] Church, [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

Ap. 1864?

To the Com. on Pews. Messrs Andrews. Baldwin and Cook.

Beloved brethren

Allow me to lay before you the following considerations. You need not be influenced by them, in the least, against your own convictions of right.

1. It is possible – also probable – that quite a number, at the present time, are halting undecided with which church they shall identify themselves:– Such, by a very small matter, may be persuaded to choose this Church or that. The value of such persons to us spiritually at present, may be but small; Still

a sacrifice.

Now the arrangement I am about to propose will, of course, affect me less than it will Brother Jackson. Still I shall be willing to share as equally as possible the burden with him.

My Proposition is that for two years, if so long a time is needed, you continue to your ministers the present subscription, enlarging it as much as possible by enlarged subscription, and by new names, as persons are added to our numbers. If the amount thus raised for Brother Jackson falls below his current expenses, I will relinquish 50 or 100 dollars from the appropriation I receive from the B.D.M. and transfer the same to him.

Then let the pews be valued for sale very low, and the annual rentage be also low, so as not to be burdensome on any individual; and let the whole proceeds of sale and rent go to liquidating the debt. Under this arrangement, if I mistake not, — two years at most, will remove the debt. The Church meanwhile, we trust, will be greatly enlarged and strengthened; when the subscription will be laid aside, — the pew rent increased, without being felt, and no foreseen hindrance lie in the way of our prosperity.

I will add what I deem a fair low valuation for annual rent.

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It is [illegible] to secure them. With some, perhaps most of this class, money is the important thing. A low appraisal of pews along with a comfortable place of worship will have a mighty influence.

2. A heavy debt is to be lifted, just as soon as possible: and the best means to do this is what we are all seeking. It is not best to underrate the magnitude and importance of this object. Could you for a year or two be relieved of the support of the ministers the burden of removing the debt wd be much lightened. But your ministers, though able perhaps for a year or two with the aid from the B.D.M. to live — you do not ask of them so great

Eight pews at $25.	$200
Six " at $20	120
Eight " " $15	120
Eight " $10	80
Eighteen " 5.	90
	$610

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5	15
10	20
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2/2/2/2/2	20
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5	3/3/3/3/3
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Let the valuation for sale be two or three times the above valuation – so as to be very low – and, making great allowances, I think you will be able to wipe out your debt in two years.

I am your loving pastor
and fellow servant
Geo Ainslie

Geo Ainslie

St Louis May 30th 1866

Dear Bro. Jackson.

As it, just now, seems probable that our stay here will be prolonged till mid-summer, I may as well open correspondence with friends in Minn. The small contemptable minority take every opportunity — to hinder transaction of business — so that after two weeks of session, we are as Dr Boardman says — "only on the threshhold" — of the great matters before the Assembly — They would provoke us to move the previous question and so stand as wronged men — as martyrs — before the public Vandyke spoke yesterday — To day we expect to hear Brookes, after hearing him if any man moves

has also spoken for a place
for a Mr Ewing who was Prof.
of languages in Jeff. Col. There
are others who talk strongly of
trying our field.

Bro. Caldwell identifies himself
with the minority = minority in the
disgrace of his Presbty and indeed
of the Synod. I begin to see
now why he is popular with a
certain Class at Rochester.
Many enquire for you — and
many regret your absence from
the Assembly. I have not met
Bro Mills and do not know how
to find him. Kind regards
to Mrs Jackson and all my
dear people

Your fellow-servant
Geo. Ai

Geo Airdie

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Rochester. Apr 29th 1863

Dear Bro Jackson

I took my pen to copy from Bro Mitchell's last letter some things which I thought you ought to know — but on second thought I will send the entire letter.

My pony being too busy with her own family matters to go abroad, I walked to Stewartville on Sat. and back yesterday. To-day I feel rather more Mondayish than usual. Heard Bro Howard last evening and was much pleased with him.

Judge Fay died on Fri. I do not hear that the Small Pox is spreading at all though it is much feared that it will spread. The weather continues cold which is

favorable. but very unfavorable for poor stock of which many are dying.

The Board have not granted the addition to my appropriation that was asked. I am sorry for this as it will make me more burdensome to my church here.

Let us hear how you are succeeding in many matters.

Your fellow servant

Geo. Ainslie

Resolutions of
Rochester Ch
on
Resignation of
Rev G Ainslie

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At a Public meeting duly called, of the Church and Congregation of the 1st Presbyterian Church of Rochester, Minn, held Dec 1869. William Elder was called to the Chair, & F W Andrews appointed Secty. The object of the meeting being stated Rev Geo Austin made some extended remarks, reviewing his past connections with the Church, from its infancy to its more mature growth, & closed by requesting the Church to unite with him, in asking Presbytery to dissolve the connections heretofore existing.

Mr Baldwin offered the following resolution - which were passed unanimously.

Resolved. 1st

That ~~which we unite with~~ that we accept the Resignation of as Pastor of the Rev Geo Austin, & ~~that~~ we unite with him in asking Presbytery to dissolve the ~~relation~~ of Pastoral relation

Now assembling

Resolved, that which we thus unite in petitioning Presbytery for this action on their part, we would take this opportunity as a Church & Congregation

to express our gratitude to him for his self denying labors to build us up in our weakness.

3rd Resolved, That in his faithful and laborious efforts in supplying destitute neighborhood around us with the Gospel, he has a claim upon the sympathy and gratitude of every Christian heart.

4th Resolved

That cherishing those qualities of mind and heart that have endeared him to us, we will ever feel an interest in his future welfare & usefulness in whatever field God in his Providence may appoint him.

5th Resolved, That a copy of these Resolutions be presented to Rev Mr Ainslie & to the Presbytery of which he is a member.

On motion, Doctor J. S. Allen & William Elder were appointed to represent the church and Congregation in Presbytery

Meeting then adjourned.

F. M. Andrews. Clerk

	Membership in 1864	Additions during 3 years	Total	Present Membership	Percentage of growth
City	5	95	100	76	3100 per cent
Country	26	19	45	30	173 per cent
	Absentees			18	

Obtained while East in 1864 $4000

Solicited & received by
letters in 1864 $700
" " 1865 $1500
" " 1866 $800

Salary & donation received from this Church directly for
3 years $1100.
Paid on Manse 400
$700

Sheldon Jackson

1863- Cost of Presbyterian Parsonage
S Rochester Minnesota

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June	Pd D. M. McCrea for plan		$10 00
	Digging Cellar		21 00
	Laying up Cellar wall Materials		140.00
	Bricking up the walls		94 75
	Brick		420.00
July 1st	Laird Norton for Sash	26.00	
" 26	" " "	11.00	
	Planing Mill "	8.95 —	44.95
	Glass & Glazing		60.54
July 28	Eaton & Codding lumber	24.00	
Aug 1st	Porter & Norton "	528.61	
Sept 18	" " "	18.17	570.68
	Nails		26.85
	Work		334.75
	Cistern		28.00
	Tiling		15 50
	Hardware Trimmings for doors &c		22 40
	Paints		33 65
	Painting		38.
	Plastering		244.20
			1665.25
	Recd from Brooklyn 100.		
	" " Newark 100.		200.00
			$ 1465.25

$ 1665.25
Andrus 87.75
Brick & Stone 58.00
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1350
S 461.00

November 16. 1864 57.

The Presbytery of Southern Minnesota in session at Rochester Nov. 16th 1864 feeling a deep interest in the successful planting of a Presbyterian Church at Rochester Minn; and recognizing the great importance of a suitable Church building, do hereby recommend the Rev Sheldon Jackson to both the confidence & the liberal contributions of any to whom he may apply for assistance in the erection of the said Church

Geo Ainslie, Moderator

Sheldon Jackson
Stated Clerk

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Minnesota
March 1864

We the undersigned Ministers of the Presby[illegible] of Chippewa considering Rochester Minnesota as one of the most important inland cities of Minnesota & recognizing the necessity for a good Church building in order that our Church at that point may maintain her ground beside other denominations who are now building churches through aid furnished from abroad, do cordially agree with the Ministers of the Presbyteries of St Paul & Owatonna in recommending the Church at Rochester to the Christian liberality of Presbyterian Churches

Rev. H. L. Craven
St Charles Minn
Rev W. J. Parrot
Melrose. Wis.
John Bellingham
Galesville church Wis
J. G. Wells
Black River Falls
W R Mercer
(Bancroft) Freeborn County
Minn

March 1864. 59.

The undersigned can most confidently subscribe to the following statements.

1st That a first requisite, to the speedy establishment of a Presbyterian Church, is a sufficiently commodious house of worship, in keeping with the general style and character of the town in which it is located.

2d If we as Presbyterians would succeed in the work of Church Extension, in a community in which others are putting forth vigorous efforts, we must manifest a like zeal & liberality.

3d The City of Rochester Minnesota is an important inland centre, in the southern part of the State, surrounded by a vast region of rich land already well occupied. Here is an inviting

field open to our Church. A house of worship erected soon in Rochester will give us a home and an influence here which must result in great good to the cause of Christ & the souls of men.

We therefore most heartily commend, to all with whom we may have any influence, the application of the Church of Rochester for aid in erecting their house of worship.

P. T. Kilcoppie pastor
Central Pres. Ch. St. Paul

Jas. A. McKee Pastor
Andrews Church St. Anthony

Robert Strong. Pastor
Westminster Ch. Minneapolis

John C Caldwell S. Supply
of 3rd ch Stillwater Min

Charles Thayer, S.S. Prescott Ch.

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Chicago March 30th 1864.

To my Christian Friends and Acquaintances in the East -

I hereby commend to your kind consideration the Rev Sheldon Jackson, of Rochester, Minnesota, and the object for which he now visits the East.

I am personally acquainted with him, and know him to be one of the most active and efficient laborers in the Vineyard of our Master in the North West. I have a personal knowledge also of the importance of the Church Enterprise he has in hand, and of the necessity of aid from abroad in order to its success. It is my firm conviction that your Christian liberality may be wisely and efficiently exercised in aiding this Excellent Brother in his present Sacred undertaking.

Yours in Ch. Willis Lord.

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Rochester, Minnesota March 13/64

Revd J. J. Cooper

Dear Sir

you will be surprised at receiving a letter from me, as I doubt not you have forgotten me ever this. but my reason for troubling you with a line will I trust be a sufficient apology allow me to introduce to you the bearer of this, Revd J Jackson from this State a Presbyterian minister. His object in visiting your City is to raise some funds to help to build a Church in this place. He is, dear Sir, worthy of your kind assistance, in the good cause I sincerely hope he will not be disapointed. I used to attend your Church, and it was there I joined myself to the Children of God. Yours

Respectfully Robt McBride

Lake City. Iowa
March 24/64

Rev L. Jackson

My dear bro.

Your two letters have been received — In reply — I scarce know where to give you letters. One to Rev. D. Beatty of Steubenville has struck me as serviceable. He is rich, devoted to female education, & very liberal. If you could see him at Steubenville or in Pittsburgh, he might do something handsome for your Seminary, if laid before him as a missionary scheme. Another to Prof. Jacobus, of Allegheny Sem. & pastor of a church in Pittsbg. might bring out something from men in his church. Rev Dr Paxton in Pittsburgh has promised us some aid. My father

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my losses. I send you
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That God may
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yours in Christ,

W L Gr

Best regards to Mrs
& Sister — whom we
be glad to see nearer ho
Rochester,

Write me in January at Cincinnati

Ft Gibson March 28th 1864

Dear Brother

This note will be handed you by the Revd S. Jackson, whose acquaintance you partially made whilst here. He has accepted a call to the Church at Rochester in this State, and now goes East, to solicit funds to aid in building his church. Rochester has some 1000 or 1200 inhabitants, & Mr J. has secured on the first subscription there - some $1200, or nearly $1.00 for each inhabitant of the place. He would be glad to have an introduction from you, to any of the O. S. brethren, who would be liked to aid him, with whom you are acquainted.

You could not S

hesitate to recommend him
to any of his brethren, as an
earnest, faithful, & successful
minister. And further say to
them, that he and his con
are worthy of any aid & co
-port they may give to ei
They are all
well, & join in love to you
and your family. Mr
can give you all the
family news

Your brother
B. Mai

Revd. J. G. Safford

New Albany

Indiana

Allow me to introduce to you the Revd. Sheldon Jackson of Rochester Minnesota.

Bro. Jackson is a Presbyterian Minister in your branch of the Church, and I take great pleasure in commending him to the favorable notice and sympathy of all the brethren in your region. He has manifested in behalf of your branch of the Presbyterian Church, great energy & efficiency, and is worthy of the fraternal regard & aid of all your ministers & Churches

fraternally B. Mills

W. N. Candler

March 31, 1864

Dear Bro. Jackson,

You see what I have written to Dr. Kennedy - Troy. I am hardly able to write any more today but must say a word. You can if you see proper just forward inclosed to Dr. K. Nor would I wait for a line from him inviting me to Troy. He has a congregation & immense wealth. They would give you $2000 or 10000 and not know it, and cheerfully would do them good.

My hand becomes very tired writing. I do hope you will succeed. I know no one else to whom I can direct you. But you might show inclosed to any one who knows me, and let it pass for what it's worth. I think it would do you some good with S. D. Alexander. I have directed in my fashion without an Envelope. You can just seal it by sticking a corner down with a wafer or mucilage, and throw it into P. O. I wish I could do you good in your cause.

Many things are hard understand, but I have

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not seen them. I have not been out in a
Am getting well slowly & hope to be in my pulpit
sab. morn.

God bless you in your enterprise and give
all possible success. But you will find it harder &
more dreary work than traversing wilds & Wigwams

Yours in close X.

J. McCandlee.

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great deal of
[illegible] Family —
[illegible]
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Write soon and tell us
[illegible] married brother
Thorpe Hellen co [illegible]
able Co Dunson [illegible]
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67.

Schenectady May 1864.

I have been deeply impressed with the presentation of the subject of Domestic Missions by the Rev. Mr. Jackson from Minnesota. I think that it cannot fail to be in the highest degree useful to any who will hear it; & feel it to be my duty to bear this testimony on his behalf to my Brethren in the ministry.

J. Trumbull Backus

Schenectady 12. May 1864

Revd Wm. Jackson preached to my people a sermon upon Domestic Missions, & followed it with a statement of the field he & his colleagues have been cultivating, & the experiences of missionary life, which gave me a clearer view of matters of this sort, & made a happier impression upon many, than any address heard for long. It is adapted greatly to benefit and promote a missionary spirit.

J. Trumbull Backus

Phila. Nov 15/61

Dear Brock

Allow me to introduce to your kind notice Rev Sheldon Jackson one of our most approved missionaries in Minnesota. He wishes to make the acquaintance of some of our ministers in this city — you will find him well posted in all matters necessary —

Yours truly

Thos L Jaccocks

Board of Missions

909 Arch St

69.

Rochester Minn —
Nov. 17th 1864

Rev. and Dr Cousin

This will introduce Rev. S. Jackson of this city to you — who by the blessing of God has been very successful in introducing Presbyterianism & building churches in this state & in Wisconsin — This is a very important point — a rapidly growing city — he is building a ch. there & visits you to solicit aid —

I sincerely hope you will receive him favorably —

Fraternally yours

A. S. Kimber

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New York, April 22 1865

Rev M. B. Goodhue D.D.

My Dr Sir

This will make you acquainted with a relative of mine the Rev Sheldon Jackson of Rochester Minn

I am free to say that he has been doing a noble missionary work at the west and I commend him to the warmest place in yr regard It is perfectly safe to make him acquainted with the pockets of yr rich men in Church or State

Respy Yrs Henry Sheldon.

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Lake City. Minn.

Rev. K. Jacobus.

Dear Bro.

This will introduce to you an active & successful laborer in the pioneer work in Minnesota whose acquaintance you may be happy to form, & to whom also you may be able to give some hints that may prosper his mission Eastward at the present time, — a brother we all much esteem, the Rev. Sheldon Jackson.

We are all in usual

health. The
we are enjoying a
of religion; between
& Thirty inquirers,
ten or more trust
have been accepted
Christ. Will you
pray for us?

With cordial re
wances to Mrs. J. & f
& our kindred under
pastoral care, I rem

Sincerely yours
Christ

J. Speer.

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Presbyterian Theo. Sem.
of the North West,
Chicago, Illinois,
March 30th, 1864.

Rev. William MacMillan:

Rev. and dear Sir:

Allow me to introduce to you the Rev. Sheldon Jackson, a minister of our Church, in Minnesota, who is soliciting funds for the purpose of erecting a Church. If your people can contribute anything to further his object, it will be thankfully received.

May I ask of you the favor to introduce him to the Rev. Dr. Thomas of Dayton?

Yours very fraternally,
Charles Elliott

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Huntington, L. I. 73
April 17, 1864.

I beg leave to commend the Rev. Sheldon Jackson of Rochester, Minnesota, to my personal acquaintances & the Christian public. He presents himself with every guaranty that can be desired, & his object is one that should excite the profound sympathy & generous aid of Christians in the East.

R. Davidson

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Dear Bro Grundy: You will need no fuller introduction to Mr. Jackson than this note gives. I hope that you are fraternally yours. Yours truly S

Chicago May 10th, 1845.

Rev. R. C. Burt D.D.

My Dear Bro.

Permit me to introduce to your acquaintance, and warmly commend to your Christian attention, the Rev Mr Jackson - one of our Ministers earnestly laboring in Minnesota. If you and your people, dear to me also, can aid him in the matter he will bring to your notice, you may be confident your aid will be worthily and well bestowed.

Very truly Yours
Willing Lord

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The bearer, Rev. Sheldon Jackson, of Rochester, Minnesota, is visiting this part of the country with a view to help forward an enterprise with which he is immediately connected; and from communications that have been made to me not only by himself, but by Dr. Backus of Schenectady and Dr. Potts of Newyork, both of whom are familiar with the case, I cannot doubt that it is an object well worthy of the sympathy and patronage of the members of our churches.

W B Sprague.

Albany May 14th.

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76.

N. Y. 8. April 1864

Dear Sir,

I have your letter of this morning respecting a church in Rochester, Minnesota. For all such cases I contribute to the Church Extension Committee, and if you have a promise of assistance from them, a large portion of such contribution probably will come from me.

I am. Sir

Yours &c

D. Lenox

The Rev. Sheldon Jackson.

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Amsterdam April. 6. 1865

My Dear Brother

I received your letter from Dr Baskus & was much interested in your account of your efforts to build a Church.

The Lord has blessed you in your past efforts & I trust will in the future.

I read the letter to my people & took up a collection for Church Extension & appropriated it to aid you in finishing your Church. I write you to be encouraged & throughout the Bond.

I hope you will be able to finish your building this Summer — If you can accomplish this object & be out of debt you will be in a situation to do much good.

The state of religion among us is encouraging in some respects. There has been a few conversions of late & our prayer meetings have been more largely attended of late than usual. But we greatly need a general revival of religion. & hope that we may enjoy it before long.

Mrs Sheldon's health is not good —

& we fear it never will be again.
She is subject to attacks nearly resembling fits. & they are very prostrating.
Mary & Hellen Brown make their home with her.
There is more than usual religious interest in Albany & Gloversville. — Kingsboro. The Lord is remembering in chosing portions of his grace in mercy.
We wish to hear good things from your Church & congregation —
May Brown has just told me that she had received a letter from her family in New York telling of their efforts in

in your behalf. She expects your letter & sent it to them.
Enclosed you will find a Draft of $35.28.

Give our kind regards to your wife & Mrs Ansley
Yours sincerely
M S Gordon

Write soon

78.

Jackson May 9th 64

To the Revd C. Jackson

Dear Sir

Please accept the within contribution. It is to be applied towards the erection of a suitable house of worship or appropriated in any other way you may deem best for the advancement and furtherance of the glorious cause in which you and your compeers are so nobly struggling and oblige

Yours Truly

C. H. Fox

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79.

Oswego May 16/64

Rev & Dear Sir,

I regret that in answering your note I am obliged to say that for several reasons I cannot arrange for you to visit us for the important object you have in view — You may however be assured that we feel interested in the Missionary operations of your section of Country — My son, who finished his course at Princeton last year has recently left us for Minnesota — I am not a Delegate to the Assembly but may be at Newark next week & perhaps meet with you — Yours fraternally

R. W. Condit —

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Huntington Suffolk Co N Y
May 20/60

Rev Sheldon Jackson
Dear Brother

At a Meeting of our Sunday School teachers some evenings since, we decided to send you $25.00 from our School fund, which I enclose. We shall be pleased to hear from you often, after you are on your field of duty, if God spares you to engage as you now propose.

Please acknowledge receipt of this & oblige

Yours Very truly

Wm J. Moore

Richmond June 2nd 1864

Rev. L. Jackson

Dear Sir

Enclosed is a draft for one hundred and ~~[illegible]~~ thirty dollars and 18/100 and I also enclose fifty five cents — to account for a mistake made by the Bank in their favor showing their or my carelessness & thus way one dollar back money — which was taken in collecting — Thirty dollars of this amt. was paid by St Peters Church — ~~the balance~~ the percentage was deducted for the draft —

my son being from home I send this amt by his and Mr Dollsby's direction

Respectfully Your

Wm. Shepherd

$1116.18
$3

Rev S. Jackson

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Dr Bro

I see yours of the 17th a day or two ago.

I do not know what you could do among my people for your cause & I fear you tried for a wrong time. I heard some time ago of your proposed visit but expecting it before I went to to Assembly, I was prepared to give you a better reception than I can now promise.

While I would be glad to have you preach for me, it may not

but is then. We are at present [illegible] & I have engaged desire to open upon that day — the 5th Sat. of July — I have engaged the Rev Dr Howard of Pittsburgh to be with me. But so doubtful are the prospects of completing the building that I can make no definite arrangements

But apart from this, there are two rules usually governing this Congregation which hamper me in welcoming you now. These rules are both founded upon our unwillingness to hinder the freest & fullest collections on behalf of our Boards

1st We never make extra collections for any object at or about the time when the Board concerned should be regularly brought before us. But the Assembly's time for the Board of Edk. Extension is the very time you wish to present a similar claim —

2d We make no collections whatever in the church for like objects with the Boards, but make private solicitations

It would not be doing our usual justice to the Board of Edk. Extension to have you come at the time proposed; yet it is with very great reluctance that I so write. But there are other circumstances which lead me to fear that your visit would not be successful: as

calls have been made which would have hindered your success.

Yr very truly

Jno. M. Lowrie

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Steubenville Ohio
June 23rd 1864

Rev Sheldon Jackson

Dear Bro.

A letter was received from you a few days since by Mrs Beatty directed to her husband who is now in the East. She referred the matter to me as pastor of the First Church with the request I would answer it. I am sorry to be unable to give you the encouragement your noble undertaking deserves. I do not believe you could have ten people to hear you on a friday evening. and they would be females representing the humbler families of the congregation.

It is a humiliating acknowledge, but regard for truth compels it. One reason that would

opinion unfavorably is that our
people have just failed in an
tempt to rebuild our house
worship & have concluded t
await more peaceful time
I feel that it is better to acqua
you with these facts beforeh
than to have you learn the
after the trouble of visiting our
place. The pastor of the C
is at present away from
and will be for a week or

I remain yours b
Henry Thom

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Steinwaxville July 6 1864

Dear Bro.

Please find inclosed receipt for Seventy five ($75.00) the contributions of our people to Your Church. This with the nine hundred you mention 84. Will you be so good as to enclose me a receipt for the whole and also whether you need any thing from our friends as they have not handed me any thing

Very truly
Your
A Gorman

Rev Sheldon Jackson

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Bergen Point. N. J.
July 9/64

Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find a check of $12.00 on Broadway Bank. N. Y., payable to your order.

Of this amount $2 ~ was handed to Mr Lane by a friend, after your departure. The remainder ~ $10 ~ is a donation from our S. S. Miss. Assn, to be used for S. S. purposes.

When you have disbursed the above, please write us the results, directing to the President ~ N. B. Lane. No 90 Bleecker St. N. Y. City. ~

Yours Truly,
Henry C. Selvage,
Secty & Treas.

P.S. ~ The above includes the amt Mr Morris had for you.
Will remember about the Library ~

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Buffalo July 11. 1864

Revd Sheldon Jackson
Rochester
Minnesota

My dear Sir,

Herewith you will find a draft for $32 80/100 the amount of collection taken up for your benefit — I regret it is no more, for your sake and the cause of our Divine Master

Very Truly
H Howard

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Ans July 20th

New York July 20 1862

Rev Sheldon Jackson
Rochester Minnesota.

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 7th inst came duly to hand

Enclosed please find I O U's check for one hundred and fifty dollars which is the amount of the contribution from our church towards the erection of your church in Rochester Minn.

I hope the church even in these difficult times may be completed and soon be crowded with a willing and generous people

Yours very truly
Jas R. Johnson.

Ans Augst 8th

Albany, July 22 '64

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
My dear Sir,

Our long promised box of papers, books, &c was finally sent forward to your address at Rochester, Minn., on Saturday last. We hope they will prove the means of profiting and interesting many of those precious little souls "away out upon the prairie", and thus of aiding you in the great work of bringing the people of that region to a saving knowledge of our precious gospel of Christ.

You will find the Sabbath School papers quite miscellaneous in respect of their origin; some as you will observe being decidedly Baptist.

The Christian Commission had

been gathering religious papers f
the various congregations of th
to send to the soldiers in the hospitals &c
city, and by a misapprehension
our sexton there were given over
to them. We think that we got
them all back however, the only
-convenience being from the delay.

We could not prepay the freight
on the box and so send enclos
$5.# bill which will probably meet
the expense.

The children took very g
interest in this matter and a f
words of acknowledgment f
you will doubtless stimulate the
good impulses in the future.

In behalf of the teachers and
scholars I subscribe myself
Truly Your friend & well wisher,
Chas. B. Nichols.

To Rev Sheldon Jackson 90

From Mrs

A. B. Belknap $ - 151

From Mrs D. Kennedy - 50

From Miss Morse - 50

From A. M. Taber - 100

From Mrs H. M. Taber - 50

From Mrs Herrick - 15

From Mrs Hopkins - 10

Mr & Mrs Bunce - 10

Mr Donald - 5

All of New York City

$. 426.5

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Law Office of T. BENTON TAYLOR,

No. 38 Wall St., N. Y.

July 27th 1864

Rev Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find $a certified check for $136.20 the amount donated to the Mission of Minnesota by its friends. This I have been requested to send you by Mrs H L Rice, the Doctor being absent from home. The above is the entire amount which has been placed in her hands or has been sent to the Rev Dr Rice, with the earnest prayer that even this small amount may be productive of much good. I remain

Yrs Resp

T Benton Taylor

ans Aug 8th

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Tansinghburgh
July 29, 00

Rev S Jackson
Dear Sir

We have started the barrels for Chicago by canal and to be forwarded from there by railroad. We have paid for them through to Chicago and enclosed please find the mony for the remainder of the expense. We all took a great deal of pleasure in collecting the Books and papers and hope to heare of there doing some good in the west. I would be glad to heare of your success in the east.

Please Write soon Willis R Tyler

X. HAYWOOD & Co.
PROPRIETORS OF THE
Amsterdam Recorder,
Published every Wednesday, at
AMSTERDAM, N. Y.
X. HAYWOOD. E. S. HAYWOOD.

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Amsterdam, Aug 8 1864

Dear Sir:—

I should have sent you instrument sooner, but in hopes of collecting more reading matter I have somewhat delayed. I got most of the papers from Sturtevant, and the rest from Hawley. I have filled the inside of the instrument where I thought it could not damage and put the rest around the outside and still there is room. We have a lot of old school books here in the office I would put in but they are hard packing, I suppose they would be of use. In putting on the cover Saturday to send to you, it fell

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I send by Merchants Dispatch as you directed, I have mine sent by freight from N.Y.

through in the middle (the instrument being on its back) and struck one of the little balls on the end of the pendant ornament in front. I shall glue it on and it will not be noticed, but I thought I would tell you how it came. You will find the key tacked inside of the box, and the directions for unpacking in one of the Illustrated Circulars which I believe you have. Take out no nails, only screws. That style (No 21) has taken a rise to $170. to take effect this week, so you made your purchase in a good time.

Hoping to hear from you on its safe arrival I remain

Yours &c E. S. Haywood

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Buffalo Aug. 12-64

Rev S. Jackson

Dear Sir-

Enclosed you will find Draft on New York Bank for $15.00 it being amount of Subscription of Calvary Pres. Church for you. I am sorry it is not larger

Truly yours

L Sweet
for the Church

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New York Augt. 15th 1864

No. 7 Pine Street

Dear Bro. Jackson –

Received yours, dated July 2nd and was about answering it, enclosing to you at the same time, the letter & money from the Secretary of the S. S. Missionary Society of our Church, when I was suddenly called to the dying bed of a dearly beloved Sister in Phila., being obliged to leave the city immediately, & too much bowed down with grief at the time to write, I handed your note of July 2nd to our Secretary, returning to him also his letter to you, with the request that he would

my feeble way would desire to afford you, my prayers you have for yourself, and your blessed work, and God grant that in other ways I may yet be able to cooperate with you in the Lords work., last Evening, at a teachers meeting of our S. S. as also a Meeting of the managers of our Miss'y Society, of our S.S. I informed them that I had just received a letter from you dated July 21st in which you acknowledged the receipt of the $10.— from the S.S. Miss'y Society, and that you would reply to the Secretary, or Superintendant Wm. V. B. Lane as soon as the amount was disposed of, and I also moved the appropriation of an additional sum of $10.— for the Sabbath School under your care, which motion was unanimously carried, which amt. our worthy Secretary will remit to you in a few days, our next regular Monthly Miss'y Meeting occurs the first Sabbath in September, could we have a few lines from you by that time to read to the children, it would be of great interest to us, the more so from you, than some others we have received letters from, because, as I told you when you were with us, we have seen, & talked with you.- My prayer is, that the connection you have formed with our Sabbath School, may be blessed to you, as well as us. and that it may all be for the glory of God, you perceive I did receive your former letter, and I justly deserve your rebuke for my neglect in not answering

mail. It - The direction you had written in your note, & that he would oblige me by writing an apology for my not writing you, I regreted much that your Engagements called you away at the time without seeing me, thus preventing us from Enjoying together that farewell christian converse, I shall Ever call to mind with the most pleasing, & profitable reflections your visit to our Country Retreat at Bergen, and can never lose the impressions that your statements of your labors of love for Christ, made upon my mind, in my yearing heart towards you, & your work, my real grief was, that my means would not admit of my responding to your claims, for that substantial assistance, that I in

P.S. in writing to Mr. Lane, or Mr. Schodge our Superintendent and Secretary, you had better direct to the care of Morris Brothers No. 7 Pine Street, New York City, N.Y., and I will see them delivered; we have not yet made any disposition of our Library books, not having yet completed our arrangements, for provision for the new Library, proposing at present only to make a partial purchase of new books, and consequently only a partial withdrawal of old ones, and my fear is that many of them will not be in any fit order to send any one, being much torn & worn nevertheless I shall keep your need of the book before them to be. I see you have the great Sunday School Preacher, the Revd Mr. Hammond at St Paul; will he make Rochester a visit, I suppose not being too far away. He is doing a grand good work for Jesus among the children, truly a chosen instrument of God; this work is well approved, and blessed of God. Affectionately Your Brother in Christ.

D W C Morrison

yet before, in your thinking I had not received it, It would have been answered long Ere this, but that the double affliction in the death of a dear married Sister, residing in Phil., which brought with it not only an overwhelming Grief, but many attendant duties, - which preyed sorely upon my time, even to the absorption of other duties, writing to you, being one of them, you must forgive me, and sympathize with me, and pray for us, that as a family, in the dispensations of Gods providence towards us, we may be Submissive & be able to say, not my will O Lord, but thine be done, and may our heavy bereavement which seemeth for the present not Joyous, but grievous, yet afterward work out for us Each, a far more Exceeding weight of glory, yielding the peaceable fruits of righteousness, having already wearied you with a much longer letter than I intended, and the time I alloted for writing it having Expired, I must in haste close, by bidding you for the present, Good bye with a God bless you, & your work, & with the Psalmist of Old, I would pray that the beauty of the Lord may be upon you, & yours, and may he Establish the work of your hands, yea O Lord, Establish thou it, though I have never seen your wife, yet may I presume to be remembered to her by you, as the partner in your Work for Christ, and Consequently as my Sister in the Lord, Truly your Brother I hope, in the bonds of the faith.

DeWitt Clinton Morrison

Rochester Sept 5th 1864

My Dear Friend

I fear that you have before this concluded that my duty had been forgotten, and the box I was to send you had been wholly neglected. But a short time after you left I was quite unexpectedly called away to Pennsylvania and have been back but a week. One of my first efforts was to arrange and collect books & papers to send you.

I have not been as successful as I could wish but am still thankful for what has been. I sent to you to day 2 boxes

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containing books, papers, and the Communion service presented by Mrs Armer, and enclose the freight receipt for the same.

Since sending the same some gentlemen called on me with the view of making an addition to the number of books, & I regret that they had not called earlier. But still I shall endeavor to see that they are sent forward as soon as we can get enough to fill a box. Much interest is felt here in your new field and I think our people will be found not only willing but glad to aid the cause of Christ by rendering through you such aid as they can.

Your letter to our school was read last Sabbath, and I was gratified to witness the pleasure with which the school heard its contents. We hope to hear from you frequently, and our hearts desire and prayer is that the work of the Lord may prosper in your hands and you and those over whom you are placed be greatly blessed. Tell your sabbath school children there that we are praying for them and we know that God will send his blessing upon them if they will but ask it of him.

Please write me when you can be assured that I wish for you all that can strengthen & encourage the Christian heart.

Lovers in friendship
Jesse Shepherd

Rev Goodhue

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Brewster's Station N.Y.
Sep. 14th 1864

Rev Sheldon Jackson

Dear Brother
I have just sent the ten dollars, which I promised you for the Church at Rochester to the Board of Ch. Extension (through W. Rankin Treas. of the Bd. of Foreign Miss.).

I neglected to send it when you were in New York on account of sickness and I thought, that as it had been so long since I heard from you, it would reach

be the safest way to d
it to the Board, and just
well for the Ch. at Roch
I sent it with the dem
that it should be devoted
to that Church.

My health is still poo
and I am thinking of
leaving soon for Calif

Yours very t
Geo. F. Go

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EDWARD A. RAYMOND,

Attorney and Counselor at Law,

4 Eagle Hotel Block

OFFICE, No. ~~15 SMITH'S ARCADE,~~

ROCHESTER, N. Y.

Oct. 4. 1864.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir.

I send you herewith a Draft of Monroe County Bank on the Metropolitan Bank N.Y. for forty Dollars being the contribution of St Peter's Church of this City to the Church of which you are S

Pastor, to assist in completing
Church Edifice. Our Pastor
Mr. Yeomans handed three
dollars to Mr Hollister
-ner of the 3rd Pres. Ch. of this
which he forwarded to you for
same object & suppose with the
Ch. Collection. We should
therefore be credited with a
donation of forty three dollars
Please acknowledge receipt of
Draft —

Yours Resp —
E. T. Raymond

N.Y.

Rochester, Oct. 13. 1864

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.

Dear Sir

I mailed you a Draft for forty Dollars ($40) on the 2d inst. being the contribution of St Peters Church towards the completion of your Ch. Edifice. Dr Yeomans has handed me your letter beginning if we can help you, of the date of the 7th inst. I presume you have rec'd it ere this. The collection was taken up some time since, but owing to a misunderstanding of your Post Office address, I could not satisfactorily ascertain it, until the return of one of the officers of the 3d Ch. from an absence from home. I trust you have rec'd it, & that it will assist you in your present straitened circum-

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-stances. If your S. School
needs Books or other appa
I will present the matter to
School, & feel safe in promis
you something. I am not
Supt. & therefore cannot d
definitely. Please answe
on receipt - Yours Resp
E. T. Raymond

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Schoharie Oct 18th 1864

Mr Jackson

Dear Sir,

I forwarded to your address care of F. W. Andrews by American Express today a box of Sabbath School papers & books

I have been somewhat tardy in sending them as part of my time has been employed in preparation for a six months labor among the freedmen in South Carolina under the directions of the "American Missionary Association". I shall not leave until the first of Dec, meanwhile I intend to see to the safe arrival of the box and to know whether they are really worth the expressage. I regret that I could not do more for you but many of the schools that usually

replenish their libraries in the
summer did not do so this y
on account of the times, books
high & money too. Hoping you
will find item of some use
enclose the bill, and remain
Your sister in law
R. Wardsburg

6,50	
4,50	
10,90	
26,70	
	37,60
	397,11
	70,00
	26,70
	3,25
	347,11
	2,95
	148,50
	43,30
	30,24
	9,95
	582,85
	160
	398,85

Brooklyn N.Y. Nov. 1 - 1864 180

Rev Sheldon Jackson

My Dear Sir, Your letter of Oct. 18th was received, & on last Sabbath we took our collection. It is small, as I told you it would be, for whatever you may think to the contrary we are a poor people. We collect something for each of the Boards of the Church, but in very small sums - we give it however with hearty good will, & with our prayers for your prosperity. — —

You will find enclosed a certificate of deposite for $15.82, The amount of our collection. Any of your Merchants coming to Newyork can get the money, by presenting the paper at the Long Island Bank at Brooklyn, or the Phenix Bank, Newyork. — —

Your friend & brother

Jonathan Greenleaf

Schohoarie Nov. '64

Mr Jackson

Dear Brother

As soon as I heard of your need I went out among the friends in the village and obtained [illegible] which I send you. I did hope to get the full amount but in the midst of the preparation for the sale is thanksgiving dinner and aid to the Christian Commission it is not so easy to collect money as at other time yet I found cheerful givers.

We hope that you may not be able to obtain the box and that the contents may prove a great blessing to those for whom it is designed

You will find in it a German book which goes with the prayers of a devoted christian lady a German, a friend of mine If you find a German who wishes it

Miss Waterbury
Sat 15

and it would not be so much
trouble for you let us hear from
it again some day

Owing to unavoidable delays we as
yet stay south until January
we are to go to Beaufort S.C.
the situation is ready for us a
as we can go.

Meanwhile let me hear of the
arrival of the money as there is so
much, and address me at Saluda
as my letters will be forwarded
from here should I leave before

I remain in christian fellowship
and missionary labors your sister
R. Waterbury

Brooklyn Nov 4. 1864

My Dear Brother

I send you a check for $100.00 for your Church & expect to add to this same more as soon as I hear from you of the safe arrival of this sum. Our people are very busy making up a box for the sisters concerning whom you wrote. Your letter produced a profound sensation over my whole Church. I thank you for it. Write us again & let us know how you are getting on. May the Lord prosper & bless you. Keep up a good heart. These are trying days. But the Lord will look upon his Church & his people & church premises to his Ministers yet unseen. So I am with you

always. I send you as you see a check for $112. The 12 dollars are to be given by you may see fit to the minister who has sold his horse or who is about to sell his horse & cow. It has been handed in by friends whose sympathies were aroused by your letter. I should have been glad to have seen you this summer. But being with a large family compelled to alter my plans — Let me hear from you as soon as convenient.

Very truly yours

J. E. Rockwell

Brooklyn N. Y.
November 5. 1864

Rev. Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir.

A few months since, as you may remember, you called at my office, and invited me to contribute towards the church which is under your pastoral care. and, as I informed you, I was at that time so circumstanced that I was compelled to decline. Whilst you were in the office, two strangers entered and waiting till your departure, they came into my private room and stated their business which was to put in my hands a case of some importance. That matter has lately been concluded, and from it I realized a very handsome fee. Now I fancy that I see in these circumstances a providential indication that a tithe of that fee should be paid to the cause which you

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My dear Brother

I am happy to add to the $110. (one hundred) which I sent you last week $25 more from my parishioner Mr Freeman

Our ladies are busy with the box & have sent $45. already raised in order to add to its value. We shall send it to Upper Sem

May God bless & aid you in your noble work

Yours truly

L. E. Rockwell

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respected, and I therefore send you my check for $25 May God's blessing go with it, & his richest mercies descend upon you and yours.

Yrs. in Christ

(J. T. Freeman)

Victor, Ontario County N.Y.
16th Nov – 1864

Rev Sheldon Jackson,

Sir, While visiting in Rochester last spring I learned that a friend & class mate of my brother (Jesse Shepherd) had visited him & won his interest – particularly in your mission. It was natural that I too should become interested in a cause presented by his esteemed friend, & wishing to contribute something to the Home Missions I decided to send it to your care & for your church or mission. I therefore enclose five dollars ($5.00)

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to be thus appropriated. Wishing a
a safe arrival & hoping your la
may be abundantly blessed I
very respectfully you
Mrs Mc Lewis

P.S. I should be glad to hear of
safe arrival —

Brooklyn. Nov 14. 1864

My Dear Brother

I send you a letter some few days since enclosing $100 for your Church & $12 for some poor Missionary who might need it. I have not yet heard whether you have received the letter. Though 10 days have elapsed since I sent it I now write again to say that we expect then soon to send a large box for Mrs Mr Cochran of Fairbault. Address to your care. What is for Mr C's family will be at the bottom. We wish you to open the box & take off the upper layers & send them to some other needy brother.

Some of the books to the ones who

sold his library for me.
Your letters have aroused
an intense sympathy over
my whole church & their
offerings have come in fully.
Keep up heart my brother
you & all your associates.
There are friends here who
care for you & sympathize
with you in your labours.
My own heart goes out
after you all. Now I afford
I should send Mr Buchanan
remittances for a few of labours
in it — as I am glad to do
all I can for you. You are
doing foundation work my dear
Brother & I often wish it were
my lot to be in some western
field of labour even with all
its toil & self denial.
But you have the promises
of him who has sent you.
So I am with you always.
I am sorry our box has
been delayed. But it has taken
time to get it together and it
is well for such items as it has
seemed to be valuable. And we
shall have to depend on you to
see that it is properly disposed
of after you have sent what
we mean for Mr Cochran.
Whatever expense you may be
at after the box reaches you
write to me & I will see you
are repaid. Or take it out
of the money which may get
to hand after our purchases for
the Bex. & which we shall
send you to distribute.
Let me hear from you soon.
Truly Yours
J. E. Rockwell
Did you get my last letter with $25
from Mr Freeman

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Princeton, N.J.
Nov. 21st 1864.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson;
Dear Brother,
I enclose
you eleven dollars $11.—
sent me by anonymous
donors for you, in pur-
therance of the object ~~of the Dep't~~ you presented
in my pulpit when here.
This, I believe, added to what
has been sent before, will
make $111.00. When you come
East again, you must not fail
to come to P. & preach to us.
Yours, truly,
J. Macdonald

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Monday Morning

Dear Sir

I enclose,

Ten dollars, for the great object, which, was presented, by the Rev Mr Jackson, last evening, in the Church

Sincerely,

your Friend.

J. V. Woodhull

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Rev J. N. Crocker

Charlton, Saratoga Co.
N. Y. Nov. 20. 1864.

My Dear Mr. Jackson,

I fear that you begin to despair of an answer to your very interesting letter.

It has occasioned delay by my having to write to N. Y. for a draft. I enclose check for 20. by Carpenter & Mott, to your order on Importers & Traders Bank N. Y. & 2. which have been handed in since I wrote for the check.

I read your letter from the pulpit, & the congregation was well pleased. It does us all good to respond to such appeals & creates a healthful sympathy between the widely separated portions of the church.

We have quite a large Ladies'
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Sewing circle at work every Friday evening trying to get ready as soon as possible a package of clothing for you to use or distribute as seem may be. This will be forwarded as soon as possible. Our contributions are smaller than you get from more wealthy places, but rest assured, dear Brother, they are given by persons of warm hearts & attended with earnest prayers that you who are laboring in the front may be successful in extending the kingdom & personally blessed.

I am much obliged to you for affording me the opportunity for cultivating among this people the grace of giving.

Yours truly
J. A. Crocke

Albany, Dec 2. 64

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Dear Brother Jackson,

The ladies of the Sabbath School met on Wednesday afternoon, (30th ult.) and putting their own contributions with the pupils, made up the complement for that box of which you wrote several months ago, according to the enclosed inventory.

I regret not having been able to acknowledge your note, and interesting letter to the school which was read at our monthly concert - but I trust this will prove a satisfactory contribution to your fair and somewhat add to the net avails of it. We are gratified that we can have a little part in the good work. I trust the box will arrive in good season. I will write again in the meantime in the next few days.

Yours most cordially
in behalf of the Sabbath School

Chas. B. Nichols

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LADIES'

BAZAAR!

at the

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,

THIS EVENING,

December 14th.

The Choicest Assortment of

Holiday Presents

Ever brought to this City. TOYS of all kinds and prices. CONFECTIONERIES from New York and Paris. Games and Parlor Amusements. CHILDRENS' CLOTHING, beautifully embroidered, and of the latest styles. Worsted, Bead and Needle Work, of superior workmanship and great variety Flowers, Perfumery and Books, Childrens' China Tea Sets &c., &c.

A full supply of Presents suitable for Sabbath and Family hristmas Trees.

Sales will commence at 7 o'clock.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother, 110.

I enclose the cash contribution of $10.00 which was to accompany the box sent the 1st inst but which I fear will arrive in time that part of it may be applied in the payment of charges.

Our preparation for the usual anniversary of the school in Nov. had occupied so much of the time of Dr March, the Secretary & myself that we hardly knew what response this matter of the box would meet when it should be fairly brought before the school and so I omitted writing until able to speak with positiveness.

The school is increasing somewhat and we pray and hope for more grace to abound in our hearts and more unqualified zeal to be manifest in this service of our Master. We have now a pastor whom we are assured the Great Head of the Church has sent to us; and in whom we are perfectly united. I pray that the blessing of the Spirit may be poured forth abundantly and its converting & sanctifying power be felt in the hearts of the Scholars this winter.

Yours in Christ

323 Broadway
Newyork Dec 21/64

Rev & dear Bro'

Jan'y 15th has just reached me. Have ordered 40 Copies Am'n Mess' to be sent to your address monthly - commencing Jan'y. Postage paid - if it can be done - as I can't go to the office in this storm, to ascertain what the new regulation is.

Only wish I had it in my power to assist you in your church - One thing I can do pray that God would send his rain upon the Messenger Seed down & raise up good strong trees to bless you & your

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W. S. Howell
P.O. Box 1274

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Stockton
Ill. Jan 25th 1864

Rev. Mr Fickson

Dear Sir

I have received both of your letters, I should have answered before this, if I could have done so, without disappointing you; but the truth is, that I found our people so hard to interest, that I nearly despaired myself of getting up a lot at all for you; but now I can inform you, I tell you that with the help of some friends out of the church, I promise in it you will receive a little box by the last of January. I should very much like to have our contribution to your fair much larger than it will be;

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but still I know, that you will be pleased to see that some of us remember our Missionary if he is away out West. How is Mr. & Mrs Feathingham, & how far away is he settled from you, I hope that they have not found it necessary to leave their field of labor; although not acquainted personally with them, I still feel interested, & your own "Daisy" how is she?

If there is anything contained in the box such as hoods &c. that your family may please accept them as a gift, & if Mrs Feathingham is in need of a hood, give her, her choice also, before they are placed on your table at the fair. Begging of you to excuse my seeming neglect, & hoping soon to hear from you I remain with love to your wife

Remain your sincere friend.

Annie C. Cruikshank.
Care of Augustus Cruikshank
55 Broadway
New York

MS
Pitt

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Dec 1884?

Mr Jackson,

Dear Sir,

Enclosed I send you 10c for our church — only ten cents — but there is not in all these United States such another ten cents — for me — though the little bills were piled ever so high before me, and all a gift — Far away in the Cherokee forests, ten years ago there lived a Cherokee lad — Goo-ees-goo-ee, or Yellow-Bird — as careless & happy & merry a ten year old fellow as ever was little Yellow-Feathers himself. In our mission school I taught him what I could though shut out from giving him the religious instruction I could have wished, by reason of our differing language — He made apparently little improvement, but deep down in his young heart there grew the little plant of Gratitude — Gratitude to the wear white teacher who was doing what little she could for him. I do not know that he

yet understands much religious truth, for I doubt his knowledge of English, and the blood-red hand of war has turned to the ground the little mission church where he used sometimes to hear the word of God interpreted, at the same time silencing in Death the voice of the good interpreter who sometimes told the boy of Jesus— Hunted like "a partridge upon the mountains" because his father is loyal to our Government he has enlisted in our army and can seldom visit home in safety— Want & starvation are familiar acquaintances in the cabins of the Cherokees in these trying times, and the boy devotes most of his service money to the support of his mother's young family— On his last visit home, when it was necessary to send 50 miles to draw rations for the almost starving family, he bade an elder sister write me— "I do all I can to help my mother, but I must send you these 10 cts for remembrance of you long time ago" So here are Goo-ees-goo-ee 10 cts— I can not spend them for myself— They are too dear a remembrance of mission life to be lightly put away for common uses— Little as it is, it is worth to me many dollars of money from any other source, and I will with your permission add it to our church building fund— not because it is so much, but because its value to me is so great that I wish to devote it to the very best purpose possible— and when our church shall be completed & we there pray that a pure gospel may there be preached, we will also add "and unto those who have not thy word may it now be given"

Sh. E. Anshe

Inventory of articles contained in box addressed to Rev. Sheldon Jackson from 1st Pres. Church S. School Albany, Nov 30. 1864.

Pin Cushions	15.	Worked Hoods	9
Book Marks	5.	Emery Bags	(2/9)
Shaving Papers	2.	Infant Socks pr	4
Handkerchief (Linen)	1.	Spool Bags	4
Reticules	2.	Tomato Pin Cushions	14
Watch Pockets	2.	Mats	7
Pen Wipers	11.	Patting Collar	1
Card Case	1.	Neck Ties	7
Tablets (Ivory)	2.	Gents Pin Cushions	17
Fancy Boxes	4.	Fancy Wax	1
Books	32.	Hour Glass Cushion	1
do Series. Hannah Moore		Slippers pr	2
Cornucopias	20.	Needle Books	3
Candy in Bags	19.	Shaker Baskets	2
Infant Sacques	2	Horse Lines	3
Undersleeves pr	2.	Collars	7
Watch Case	1.	Net	1
Work Basket	1.	Mittens pr	14
Aprons	5.	Scarfs	2
Worked Hose pr	4.	Tidies	4
Breakfast Shawl	5.	Dolls	13

Breakfast Caps	3
Stone Vase	1.
Doll Slippers	1.
" Hat	1.
Spool Wagon	1.
Dolls Hood	1.
Rabbits	1.
Paper Dolls	3.
Work Bags	—
Infant Shoes	1.
Vases - small -	2.
Photograph frames	6.
Card Photographs	2.
Whistle, Rattle &c	
Ladies Belt Ribbon	1
Bead Basket	1.

and sundry Childrens toys

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428 Broadway, N. Y.
Dec. 21/64.–

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Sir,

We have shipped to your address a box containing the old books belonging to the Library of the S. S. of R. D. Ch. Bergen Point, N. J., also some religious papers &c, – the freight on which has been prepaid –

Your acknowledgment of the donation of $10 sent in Sept. was received – As the semi-annual meeting of our Missionary Association takes place in the early part of January, you will please write <u>immediately</u> whether the money has been expended, and if so the results –

Yours Truly,
Henry C. Selvage,
Secty.

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323 Broadway
New York Dec 7/64

Dear Brother

Your's is at hand & I have ~~take~~ pleasure in reading your letter to our School at their next Missionary Meeting, we held one Nov 27. & raised $9.00 towards the support of Mr Hatch in Mo.

Advise me early as to how many Copies of Messenger's you want. I know the Seed will work well. Have seen the good effects already in a small town in Pa, Wish I could help you in your Church debt, but our calls are numerous, & we can't give to every one of them near home. God will own & bless your efforts dear Bro.

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Yours &c
U. S. Howell
P.O. Box 1274.

Rochester, N.Y. Feb. 2, 1865

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

My dear Brother,

Your two letters to our children in St. Peter's, — one through Mr. Raymond, Nov. 14, the other through Mr. Shepard, Jan. 3, — & your later letter to St. Peter's & the Third churches, have all been received.

Inclosed please find a check for fifteen dollars ($15.00), from the children's collections (at St. Peter's), — which they have wished should be sent to you. If you still need the map, use your pleasure about investing it in that; if you do not, use your pleasure in regard to it at any rate, for the benefit of the children of your church or charge.

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It would rejoice us at St. Peter's to do much more for your mission field; & we hope to be of more service when our diaconal system is developed. We have just upon finished the payment of our own church debt, which, though small, has been an incubus; & through that & other means our congregation will soon develope some unity & strength of church character & efficiency, I hope, which it has not yet attained, without the loss of any advantages which its history thus far, though rather unfavorable to its independent spirit, has given it.

I have saved your two letters to the children, to read next Sunday at the quarterly catechization of the children in the church. The letter to the congregation I shall read at an early opportunity, & pass to Dr. Hall. The Dr. is to be made happy next week by a gift of about $1500 from his people, & a social gathering of present & former members of his church in celebration of the 25th anniversary of his ministry in the Third Church.

We had a very pleasant visit from your Neighbor, brother Lyon, of Winona, Sunday before last. I myself & all the families, enjoyed his stay with us; & we want to help him too.

I shall soon see whether we cannot get together a package of books & papers for you.

Meantime hoping this will reach you safely, & wishing you & yours the blessing of the Lord, I remain

Your brother in the Lord,

E. L. Geomans

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H. K. Corning Esq

Dear Friend,

I will hand you £20. for the Building <u>not for a Bell</u>

Sincerely Yours
M. Miller

1. July.

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H. K. Corning

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216 Madison Av. N.Y.
Feb. 7th. 66.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson
Dear Sir.

I was much gratified by the receipt of your letter, informing me of the favorable progress in the erection of your church edifice, and also of the spiritual growth of the Society. Your letter addressed to friends in the Brick Church, was read in last week's prayer meeting, and was considered very interesting. To morrow evening it will be read at Dr. Hutchs prayer meeting. I have given notice that I will receive any contributing in your behalf, and thus far, only twenty dollars have been sent in, which I enclose, from Mr. Moses Allen. I have sent the letter to one or two friends, who may do something. You allusion to the bell,

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was rather inclined and the remark was made that it would be better to get the money for the church first.

The ladies of the Friends Church, Dorcas Society, are expecting a letter from Mrs. Ainslie, acknowledging the receipt of the box sent by them to her. Church building in your section, I can easily imagine, to be up hill work, nevertheless, you must not be discouraged, but put your faith in God. I think you deserve great credit for your perseverance, in the midst of your many difficulties, and trust that the Lord will crown your enterprise with his blessing, pouring out his Holy Spirit upon the church, bringing many sinners to Christ. I shall be glad to hear again from you and to know something of your village, as to population, denominations, churches &c.

It will give me pleasure to assist some of your missionary brethren, with families, who may be in destitute circumstances, by sending them a little money, or a few books, to help them in their studies, or otherwise.

You have taken quite the start of Mr. Lyon of Arizona, to whom I have just sent the amount of my subscription made in June last.

With much esteem

I remain Yours very truly

H. K. Corning

Van Dyke

Brooklyn Feb. 14. 1865. 120.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir,

I enclose you a check for $173 – part of our last collection for church extension – as a contribution towards your new church.

I am very sorry that the amount is so small. But the fact is, ~~that~~ there are so many claims upon us, it is impossible to meet them as liberally as we would like to – I hope however, that everything will not come amiss to you.

With sincere wishes for your prosperity.

Yours truly &c.

Henry J. Van Dyke

Rev. S. Jackson

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COPARTNERSHIP NOTICE.

Mr. RICHARD H. ROBERTS, who has long been in my employ, has this day been associated with me as a partner, under the firm name of WENDELL & ROBERTS, in the business of Importing Watches, Paris Fancy Goods, &c., at the old stand, 480 Broadway.

WM. WENDELL.

ALBANY, FEB. 1, 1865.

Albany Feb 18th 1865.

Revd Sir,

Your letter was recd in due course, & was read by our new & young Pastor Revd Mr James M. Ludlow at our Friday Evening Meeting, but no one of our people, have responded, I was over in Connecticut, last week, and returned home last evening I here with send you our firm Check for Thirty Dolls Ten of which please give the credit to my Wifes Father Mr E. H. Roberts Middletown, Conn. the balance to myself, Trusting that God will enable you to

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Rev. Mr Jackson

Dear Sir

Your letter was received some time since, & should have been answered ere this, had not my time been very much occupied

I was very much interested in your account of the building of your church, & handed the letter to Mr Lord, one of our elders - I have not seen him since, to know what he has done, but I say much for without our dear Dr Potts to plead your cause, that we will not be able to do much for the church - though the Lord will probably visit you himself - We have no

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Pastor as yet, we have not any in view - it is hard to find the right man to take this place of one so sainted dead - I am happy to be able to send to you a photograph of Dr Potts - I love to be associated in any way with one I loved so dearly, & who was every thing to me as a Pastor

Mrs Potts' son-in-law has been made Professor at Union Coll & in the spring she will go to Schenectady to live with her daughter -

Yours truly
Lizzie Eager

Y. Pastor
March 1st 1865

The picture of Dr Potts he thought the best he had ever had taken

Dr J. T. Backus

Schenectady 4. March 1865.

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Dear Sir

I have been interested in your letter, for which accept my thanks. I hope to present it to my people tomorrow, & to send it on Monday to Dr Goodale - Please send me word how much you collected from my people, as it is my duty to keep account of all such matters, & report to Presbytery -

I trust your enterprise will be a great success, the Lord blessing you. Your work interests me much both on your account, & its own -

truly yours J. T. Backus -

Please reply as soon as you conveniently can in regard to the amount rec^d from my people. —

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Newark. March 20. 1865

Dear Bro Jackson,

I rec your deeply interesting letter a few days since, and have been making some effort in the way of raising that hundred dollars, and I think I can assure you that I shall be successful I enclose ad an earnest of what I am doing $50 half is my own subscription and the balance from three warm hearted brothers in Christ, a very liberal donation was sent me by a Methodist brother, that delighted me exceedingly, and I expect to receive a donation from a good Baptist brother. the beautiful hymn "Blest be the ties that bind our hearts in christian love &c, ~~you~~ I feel that I can sing just now, and sing it loud too that beautiful hymn. Well now bro. Jackson you go right on and build that little room, if you can get it done for $100. I know that by Gods blessing I shall obtain it, there is of course great demands upon us to meet the various charitable objects ad they come

along, and bless the Lord for the delightful privilege, that we may be colabors in the vineyard of the Master. Now that is a delightful thought of yours, in suggesting that the donors of the enterprise have their photographs, hung around your little praying room. And as I expect to come out ~~through~~ (the Lord willing) and make a tour to Minesota, I trust that I will collect some, and bring with me. I expect to leave here about the first of May, and will take it leisurely and stop on my way ~~too~~ and visit friends in Chicago, Jacksonville &c. so that I will probably reach Minesota the later part of the month of May. I suppose the season will be pleasant then. Your friend and brother clergyman, who took dinner with you at my house the Rev Mr Speer, (I believe) I suppose he is well he is located at Lake Pepin if I mistake not. I should like very much to receive a letter from you as soon as you receive this or soon after. You may calculate on a certainty for the remaining $50, and more if possible, for since I commenced this letter, which was a few minutes since ~~I was~~ my brother has promised me $20 on the other fifty. So "The Lord will provide" all those that trust him with all needed temporal (mercies as well as spiritual. We are having very interesting Prayer Meetings which are held at my house on Saturday evenings. last Saturday evening there were 27 young men present, and two young men ~~who~~ are out of Christ desired an interest in our prayers, there was a deep feeling among the brethren present.

I hope to be able in the course of two or three weeks to forward you the other fifty dollars.

I remain

Your friend and
brother in Christ

Horace Alling

John Millard

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Received March 30th

Brooklyn March 24/65

Rev Mr Jackson.

Dear Sir.

I recieved your letter, and it gives me great pleasure to be able to comply with your request.

I am glad to hear that you have got your building enclosed, and are occupying part of it, & hope you will be enabled to complete it.

Please find enclosed a certified check for $100.

Desiring an interest in your prayers,

I remain, Yours Truly

John Millard

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Newark. March 31. 1865.

Bro Jackson

Dear Sir. I sent you a check a few days since, a check of $50, and will send you as much more in a few days. I write now to inform you, that I have in ten dollars, as a donation from the Infant Sabbath school connected with our church which they wish to appropriate for the benefit of your Sabbath school, and Mrs S. F. Donance the teacher, desires a letter from you, making it interesting as possible to be read to the scholars, the money came direct from the children, and they of course are interested as to what becomes of it and the good it accomplishes. I thought it best to include it in the check that I intend sending for the balance of the hundred dollars, Please let me hear from you soon, Mrs Alling sends her regards to you. Yours truly Horace Alling

New York Apl 5th 1863

Rev. Sheldon Jackson
Rochester. Minn.

Dear Bro.

Your esteemed favor of the 3d ult came duly to hand.

Its words of cheer refreshed my soul and I feel that my poor alms and efforts are more than repaid by such prayers going up for me and mine.

I have a dear son lost through N.Y. 9th N.Y. Cavalry now at the front. May I ask an interest in your prayers for him especially that he secure the grace of a covenant-keeping God the God of his fathers.

Last night at our M.C. your interesting letter to our church was read. It awakened much interest and was followed by fervent prayer for yourself and your church.

We propose another effort in your aid and tho' no offers have yet been made I think I may venture to promise you $150 in May next.

Now does Bro McNair get on

Fort Wayne Apl 3. 1865

Rev S. Jackson

Dr Sir

Yours of the 24th ult came to hand last week & I reply as soon as possible after having consulted members of my Session.

The brethren think it inexpedient to invite a visit from you this spring. We would be glad to aid you but we have a better opening our hands just now, which you must acknowledge has the precedence.

Our city is growing fast — the increase being chiefly Rail Road employees who give us missionary work. One of our members has this winter given us a slightly lot of ground — the site for a new church; & I expect to raise during this month the needful sum — not less perhaps than $2000.

to put up a building that will serve for a mission school. As this will all be done among ourselves it is as much as we ought to ask our people to do now.

I hope you will meet with success in your enterprise, though we cannot aid you now.

Yours in the Gospel

Jno M. Lowrie

Pitts burgh

South Salem, Westchester Co., N.Y.
April 4, 1865.

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To the
Rev. S. Jackson,
Rochester, Minn.

Dear sir:

I have recd yr letter relating to your Church Building, & sent it to Rev. Mr. Goodhue, as you request.

If I had recd it a few weeks sooner I might have increased our annual collection to the Church Extension Fund. A good special case I have found serviceable in drawing out contributions.

Our collection amounted to $22. You will receive it through the Ch. Extn. Committee. I shall write

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Mr. Doe to appropriate that amount to your church. You are at liberty to apply it either to the building or the bell.

I hope your labors will be crowned with success. But permit me to caution you against excessive protracted sittings. You cannot do the work of two men for any length of time, without making serious inroads upon your constitutional vigor. Excitement may sustain you, but the result will be disastrous. I was ground thro' both Church & College mills at Waukesha, Wisconsin, for the space of two years, & have long given up the hope of being as sound in health as I was when I began. Bro. Goodhue is another example.

It is proven [illegible] that the active labors in the ministry are drawn to a close. Bro. Todd of Woodstock, Ill., is another case. He is no longer able to preach, & is struggling on against severe physical infirmities, teaching school. Spare yourself. It is enough for one man to do to preach.

Fraternally yours,

A. L. Lindsley.

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Emily A. Ward

New York April 5. 1869

Rev Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir.

I fear you may have thought that your letters sent to me in February have been forgotten, or neglected - but this has been far from being the case. they were read with lively interest and I have only delayed replying till I could complete our collection and send you some substantial proof of the deep interest we feel in your missionary labors at the West.

Enclosed you will find a certified check for $300. monthly contributions by the S

Ladies of the Scotch Presbyterian church, though a few gentlemen and also some of our personal friends have kindly aided us in raising the amount.

Your letter to the Scotch church was read at one of our Prayer meetings and elicited some response, but as the attendance that night was smaller than usual, we thought it best to circulate it privately, among those whom we thought might feel an interest in the work. To effect this I have been largely indebted to the warm sympathies and active cooperation of our kind friend Mrs Henry A. Pierce — whose heart & hand are always open to every good object — especially to the needs of the Home Missionary field, some of the more active members of my own family have also greatly aided me by their efforts so that we received more than anticipated when we began, while the warm interest manifested by many in you, and your labors has been very gratifying — many remembering your pleasant visit to our Lecture room last Spring.

While some have sent to us of their abundance, there have not been wanting instances of self denial, in some humble disciples among us, proving that the same love to Christ which prompted the labors of your friend Mr Ainslie, in the harvest fields — dwells also in the hearts of His followers, at the East as at the West, and we count the hard earned dollar of the lowly seamstress, whose daily toil, helps

to support her little family, as the
widow's mite into our treasury.

We hope soon to hear that your
church is completed, free from debt
and that you are worshipping in your
own ceiled & furnished house.
These kindly interchanges of Christian
sympathy brings the missionary
field of the West nearer to us, it
gives us a home like feeling in the home
mission. We, who have been priviled
to aid you, will always feel a special
concern in the prosperity of the
little church at ~~Roc~~ Rochester,
Minnesota and when you have entered
and taken possession, we shall be
very glad to hear from you again
and to be enabled to lay before
the friends here, who have aided us,
any thing of interest regarding the
temporal and spiritual prosperity
of your church.

With sincere regard —
Your friend. Emily M. Walker

C. Williams 132

Newark April 14. 1865.

Mr Jackson

Dear sir.

Enclosed please find my check for Sixty dollars, Fifty dollars of which makes up the $100. that you donote for, and ten dollars is a donation from our Infant Sabbath School, to the Sabbath School of your Church, paid to me by the hands of Mrs. E. H. Dorrance, which I wish you to appropriate to the bests interests of the School, either for a library or otherwise as you think best, please write a letter directed to the children, something that will interest them, and I think you will hear from them again, I am in hopes to collect a little more than the hundred dollars I have advanced some to make up the hundred, or in other words I have not as yet collected that amount but expect I shall Your first letter I have read to a number and all

have been so deeply interested in its contents. Our calls for benevolence had been very urgent of late, for relief to soldiers families, Christian Sanitary Commission, and dozens of other equally as good objects that present themselves, and our duty is imperative in these calls in my opinion, to do what our hands find to do, and to give cheerfully willingly as the Lord has prospered.

I am obliged to you for marking out the pleasant route of travel, which in your judgment would perhaps be the best. I think I shall adopt partly, the proposed route. I think that I shall start before the time so that I will probably miss you at Pittsburgh, I would like to start by the 8th or 10th of May at the latest. I trust by the good providence of God however to meet you at Rochester. I would like to do some hunting when I arrive in Minnesota, would you advise to carry a gun in my trunk if I could find one to fit, I would rather not be bothered to take one with me, preferring to hire one when I get there, are they to be had in that way, please let me know, I have forgotten wether you stated or not that you had children, I send and Mrs Alling also, our regards to you and yours, please answer soon. Mr Brother Isaac, who is in business with me sends $20 of this money.

I remain Your brother in Christ

Horace Alling

H. I. Coe 133.

Chicago May 5th 1863

Rev Stephen Jackson
Rochester Minn.

Dear Brother. Your favor of the 21st of April was laid before the Board on Monday. While in accordance with our understanding at the time the additional $300 was granted by the Board, the enclosed check would go towards making up that sum the Board in view of the state of affairs by mention, and in sympathy with your own self denying labors directed me to return you the $35.28 ~~herewith~~ inclosed herewith as an additional special appropriation to Rochester Church.

Please return the receipt signed as instructed & oblige, & many more the pleasure of doing you in the spiritually of remain.

Yours fraternally H. I. Coe

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New York May 24 1865

Dear Bro.

Your several letters have been recd the last way especially grateful to our feelings.

Our sorrow is great but our consolations have abounded the chief one however seems so great that all the rest seemed swallowed beside it. It is our son and our wounded boy that our beloved son is now in heaven [illegible] dead, [illegible] in [illegible] of [illegible] and of [illegible] escape [illegible] and in [illegible] days and up in prayer that he now is gone to which we hoped was begun in his heart might be come since departed this life may our God Providence we spent some 40 days at home put 8 or 10 days before the point 5th of Apr. The remembrance of him and conversations we had with our dear one and he with us are now very precious to us. He has always been an object of prayer but was since he joined the army in 61 he has been much exercised

Sir I may not now talk as I think that he has left a brilliant reputation behind him as a brave and skillful soldier and a character unsullied by any act if meaning. His generosity and kindness were remarkable and all who knew him loved him. He expired in an eminent degree in confidence and affection of the men of his Regt. "His judgments are a great deal" I think we can both say, "He doet all things well." He commands"

Indeed I am happy to have it in my power to render you [illegible] I enclose a check for two hundred dollars in aid of your church, [illegible]

You will confer a favor I claim to me yours any case of hardship which from time to time you may meet of respecting your missionaries in your State

I have made to his brother and one of his departed to do it judiciously.

Yours truly
Wm R. Kenney

Rev Sheldon Jackson
Rochester N.Y.

P.S. In reading over the above I recollect I forgot to state that on this occasion I found he church when he was about 18 years of age. He stated to his wife casually in conversation when last at home that he believed that he was converted at that time. He was pursued during all his camp life from every form of open vice & wickedness and during the last year of his life his comrades spoke of a young elevation and standing of deportment which was manifest even to the very persons by whom he was surrounded. His natural and labitual character was not unmarkable. He was beloved by all and his wonderful adaptedness to the military life was no unmarkable in conjunction with so much gentleness of character.

His death was almost a translation. The fatal bullet entered his temple and his death was instantaneous just as he was calling on the men to rally round the standard. If permitted he so young would not have chosen the time, the place, nor the manner, either.

Stove	3 $
Glass	4 $
Lantern	1 $
Knives	0,50
at	13,50
Fence	
Corn	45,00
	67,00
	22,00

P.S. Enclosing you the above I received
from a lady who has one daughter found
the author was he was about 18 years of
age He stated to her in a casually in
conversation when last at home that
he believed that he was converted
I hold him. He was pursued
during all his camp life from every
form of open ~~vice~~ ~~&~~ ~~vice~~ wickedness
and during our last year of his life
his comrades speak of a growing
~~[illegible]~~ elevation and strength
of department which was manifest
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If himself he so young we could
not have chosen the time, the place,
nor the manner, better.

Stove 3$
Glass 4$
Lanter 1$
Tees 6,50
at 13,30
Lance
300 45,00
67,00
[illegible]

Brooklyn June 5th 1866

Dear Brother.

Yours of April 13th was sent as you requested to Mr Spelman, & you have probably learned the result. They held sunday meetings on this & another object I presented yours seems to have met with favour, the other laid on the table. I was amazed at your herculean labours last fall, may the blessing be in proportion! I was much disappointed you had to use the S School $1.25 for the Brownsville Ch but of course it was understood between you. my 75 was given expressly for Rochester & not at all for B. I cannot imagine any reason which ought to have led to the appropriation elsewhere than the place specified.

I met Mrs Sheldon last week, she told me you were attending the meeting of O. S. assembly. Mr West is there. before leaving B.

there were several meetings of Session of the 2d Ch, to talk with him as to what we could do in the declining state of the Ch He told them at length (notwithstanding he had given them to understand two years since that he would leave) he should stay. God had call'd him to the Ch & when He provided him another place he should leave us. We are eight thousand dollars in debt for his salary &c. & he tells them if they apply to Presbytery it will be two years before we get a decision. there are a few who like him Mr Abraham Bayles' & Mr Talbot will stick by the walls until they are sold to support Mr W. I have left could not hear a man preach I did not respect. The Trask's took their certificate last Fall. they hope to be in Monroe Place next Nov but not in 2d Ch. Miss Thayer continues to attend there; she does not view things just as I do. May we look to God alone. He doeth all things well

You must hold on to our S School, there is nothing else left bright. my work is done there unless Mr W leaves. & there is not the slightest hope of that.

Your time is too much occupied for me to expect you to write one I know, especially as I cannot do any thing for you which would render writing a necessity on your part. still I should like to know how you are getting along very much, & perhaps if you write Mr Spelman you would enclose a short note for me. O no Mr Spelman has gone to the Country for the Summer.

Should I have any good news to impart you will hear from me. Pray for us. Our beloved Country is saved, & of course the Ch is. Our fold may be again blessed. but, God may see fit to merge the remnant in other churches. His will be done.

With kindest regards for Mrs S & yourself. As ever

Yours desiring to be remembered, S. M. E. Melville.

Pittsburgh June 19/65

Mr Shean Jackson

Dear Sir

Enclosed you find a check on 10th National Bank Newport for Ninety Six dollars which has been handed in to me by our good Ropes the following is the list

Capt Rob Bee $5.00 Chet Ewing & $5.00 I Painter $5.00 Mrs Dr Brooks for Mrs S Jackson $5.00. Miss Jennie and Miss Emma Brooks for the Bell $5.00 W R Murphy Smiles $19.00 Sand Rea $10.00 Mr Ritchey $5.00 Mr Matlack & Denny $5.00 H G Bailey $5.00 Mrs Skinner $20.00 Mr Morris $1.00 Geo Skinner $5.00 W Allan $1.00 $96 in all. please acknowledge receipt

If any more is handed in I will forward to you

We will be glad to hear from Boy Blythe you got safely home and from time to time hear your good work progressing.

May the Lord crown Bro Boy's labors with abundant success — for his sake —

Yours sincerely and well Wm. H. McCord

Must Come from Butler County as well as some Mine

of yourself with Christ,
will be accompanied
by the Divine blessing.
I intended to have
given a little for your
Sabbath School, but
fearing lest from the
uncertain state, that
you will need more for
the sick, & end of
the year, the recollection
of your generosity
induces me to hope
I shall then have an
opportunity of giving
a larger amount to
your benevolent &
useful Institution.

Trust you safely
[illegible]
both yourself & other
teachers in your most
[illegible]

Sincerely &
truly Yours
J. H. Cottrell

Kingsboro Fulton Co. N. Y.
Mar. 29. 1865

Rev. S. Jackson

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 3d inst came to hand after some delay; for the mails have been irregular this winter.

With a desire to aid you in your enterprise of erecting a Church edifice, I cannot at this time present the object to my people.

Indeed such at this moment are our circumstances that I do not think it expedient to bring before them some of our regular objects of benevolence.

At the time you were East

collecting the sums you mention for your church, Mr. Hann was in Kingsbow on a similar ground, spent a Sabbath here and canvassed the congregation. This in itself would prevent our people from contributing so soon again to a similar object.

Tho' I cannot help you in the way you propose, I can con-gratulate you on having two good church members from Kingsbow, who are more valuable than many in whom I hope you will feel that this Church has for the present done her share towards your enterprise.

I will forward your letter to Mr. Wood.

Sincerely yours
W. Barnard.

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Perry City July 31/65

Rev Sheldon Jackson
Rochester Penna.

Dear Bro

Your favor of the 17th ult came duly to hand I should have replied to it long since but have delayed doing so on acc of sickness. I have had a carbuncle which thro confinement to the house as well as its exhausting nature has disarranged my whole digestive & billiary system leaving me a prey to deep depressions

I am now much better tho unfit for business

Immediately on receipt of your letter your wishes

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as respects wall paper for your home which were sent you according to your directions I trust they were duly rec^d the price is nix as I trust you will permit me to settle the bill with Rev.

I take great pleasure in responding to your wishes as respects the claim you hold on Mr W. S. Parrott. Please have you set to his a/c the enclosed check for $30 XX

I hope by and by to send you sufficient to cover the balance Please then you send him a receipt in full

Let me congratulate you on your recovery and assure you that you have my prayers for your continued usefull life.

Our business will not be profitable this year to any extent owing not ~~much~~ only to decline in the price of goods but to loss from other causes.

Earnestly wishing for your complete success in your church entire prize and large spiritual additions

Yours very truly
Wm R Janeway.

Merrill
(1865?) 143

Brooklyn "Oo" 3d

Dear Brother Jackson, both of your favours were rec'd I wanted to see the Frasks before replying to the first - the 2d came ~~before I~~ about the time of my having seen them. They left Morristown very late, & Mr & Mrs Frank & Marie sail'd on Saturday for Europe. We were very much pleased with the Photograph of Ch. The Cottage with bay window, is too cunning & pretty. You did not speak of Church debt until your last. I was prepard to give my Minnesota Missionary (instead of the general society) $25. Mrs Frank sends you $20 & Marie $5 which I enclose in a check. Mr Frank has also given you a good suit which will save your best - did you

ever get that Coat I sent you in brother Rockwells box to Bro Airlee? Is there any box from Brooklyn going to your place through which you could get the above named Coat, pantaloon, & Vest? Please say when you acknowledge the check. You speak of looking for a revival in your Ch. May God grant it you, in full measure, according to His great mercy in Christ Jesus. & for His sake alone. We are praying for a renewal, in far greater power, of the last winters work of grace. May the Lord hearken to a cry that shall go up from every part of our Land for a baptism of the Holy Ghost. Lord revive us; Lord revive us; all our help must come from thee".

I will send you a "Link" that you may mark the progress of our mission since the first numbers of the publication. God is doing great things through this humble instrumentality. the Women of India are fast learning they have souls to save & the Baboos too feel the need of their rising to their true position.

"The Babies are well" what of the 2d version? tell me.

The Teach's all with Eliza desire love to Mr & Mrs J the as does yours truly in gospel

J M F Ruiell.

now for my address. It is
in a new block, not numbered
Mrs. Eli Merrill.
care Mrs Brown
Clermont Avenue
between Fulton & Green
Brooklyn, N.

Elvira would like to know
something of the box sent from
25 Ch in which she took
so much interest.
She would like also to know wh
Lady had her good warm
Sack Coat.

Mrs E. Merrill 144

Brooklyn June 5th (1882)

Dear Bro Jackson - a Mrs Wyckoff poor widow, much interested in Western missions gave me five dollars to do as I thought best with. I send it for your own use & when you acknowledge the receipt of it, do tell me something of your own church, & others if there is any-thing to report of God's stately steppings. We in B-n are being richly blessed. May it ever be thus, yea may we see more & more of His glory, in the reviving of Christians, & the converting of sinners - As we are drawn nearer to God may it stimulate us to higher

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aspirations. With us great num
of the youth are converted. Our
religious papers bring us cheering ac
counts of revivals from almost all par
of our land. May you be enjoying
what you have been laboring &
longing for, a powerful revi
of religion.
I shall soon, probably, go Ea
but you will please direct
101 Willow St. Mrs Ledyard
forwards my letters as I direct
With love for Mrs Jackson, &
yourself, in haste
S. M. P. Merrill

Jany 1. 1866.

Rev Sheldon Jackson.

Dear Sir.

A Happy New year to you, and your little Church! It gives me great pleasure to write that a few of your friends in N.Y. City have united, in sending you a Communion service, which I hope will be suitable to your wants, and acceptable to your people.

We have heard with much interest the completion of your church building, & trust you may long be privileged to labor in it, that you may be prospered in both temporal and spiritual things, and that your church may prove a great blessing to the community where it is established.

We shall think of you, as, your

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gather next Sabbath, and dedicate it to the Lord's service, and as we for the first time keep your solemn feast, and though we may none of us be permitted to meet with you around our Lords' table upon earth, may we all, through the riches of Divine Grace all meet around our Redeemers throne in heaven, and together praise Him in the Upper Sanctuary.

Thus I ask an interest in the prayers of your church, for us, and our children, that God would bestow upon us spiritual gifts, and graciously bring all our children, in the morning of life to the feet of the Cross, that their whole lives on earth and in heaven, may be spent in his Service.

Enclosed I send the thinking [illegible] of the [illegible], dedicated to your care, and if life room be found of its pages are with

perhaps Mrs Jackson will be more interested than yourself, in the directions which I am here given to me for taking care of the Communion plate, we are told it should be kept slowly wrapped up, from the air. If it becomes at all tarnished it does not need to be rubbed with powder of any kind, but washed with warm water and toilet soap, and rubbed dry with chamois (-shammy) leather. This will keep it bright.

We were sorry to hear of the death of our valued friend Mrs Sheldon of Amsterdam - they had great comfort in her last days, the her sudden departure was a great affliction to her friends.

With kind remembrances to Mrs Jackson - I am

Yours in haste

Emily M. Walsh

412 Broadway
New York Jan 23. 66

Dear Jackson,

Your 15th rec'd on my way to business this A.M.

Have ordered 50 copies - Child's Paper. - to be sent monthly to your address. very glad I can be of service - Its such a delightful little sheet, I don't wonder your S. School prize it - Enclosed find my Photograph - to pay postage &c. I lose money for the good it does. I had 1 dozen pictures - Lewis would have one - it was so life like, they soon passed from me - have none on hand. Lewis was sent for by his Mission Society 14th St - Church, & is here we hope to have him with us next Sabbath. 11.30 A.M. Lewis just call'd I read him last part of your letter he was over joyed. I can't say more to-day only pray for me - I should think our rich poor men - would make this

true investment & give to this
dear disciples - recieving their
answers to prayers - would do them a heap
of good - Suppose you & I re-
quest our Synods to send such
a request to all concerned.
Go on - your reward is
sure -

Yours &c W. S. Howell
Iowa City Sept 13 5.

Had no clear bill - & send it

[illegible]
Feb 7 1866

Mr. Phillips Jackson
My Dear Sir
I accept
your offer of [illegible]
and have [illegible]
the more [illegible]
for the [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible]
upon a proper basis.
[illegible] counsel on
your part [illegible] that
[illegible] a
[illegible] Shortly [illegible]
and [illegible] that [illegible]
[illegible] I [illegible]
my [illegible], on [illegible]
Thanks to your [illegible] for
[illegible] dollars,

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[illegible]

[illegible] I am [illegible] to request [illegible] permit
[illegible] will [illegible] of [illegible] to your Choice,
[illegible] Here of course, during [illegible] it would
[illegible] very [illegible]. If [illegible] you will have no difficulty
[illegible] [illegible] of S.B. which I would add
myself [illegible] your [illegible] Classes, most of which, I cannot
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Estimate

Yours truly

[illegible]

[illegible]

I have [illegible] Friends of returning
[illegible] in which case [illegible] you will be [illegible]
the Society, I hope [illegible] will [illegible] a [illegible] decision.

412 Broadway
New York July 12. '66

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Dear Jackson

I say 23d. I sent your funds to pay postage &c. was it received? I only want advice so as to Duplicate if not to hand.

Lewis & self had a good day, in my town, yesterday. New Paris the 50th Anniversary of our 1st Presby'n Ch. House crowded - at the close a young man stepped up to Lewis - said he was just from Rochester - & had worked in one of your Schools. I think he resides in Central N.Y. Your name was held in delightful remembrance. Lewis does love to speak of your labors.

Go on -

Yours ever
W. S. Howell
Buf 1874

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A. L. S. - Pa.

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Newark, N.J.
Feb. 13. 1866.

Dear Bro Jackson

Your very interesting letter that you sent me some two weeks since I have been going to answer ever since I rec'd it from you, but I have been unusually engaged both day and evening. We have felt the necessity of having a lot of new books for our Library and I have been over to select them in N. York as many as 6 times and then preparing them for the Catalogue &c my object in writing to you just at this moment is to inform you that I have made the most of your stirring appeal and have read it ~~out~~ to friends of Christ and also Dr Crane has read it to the Session of our Church and a collection was taken up last Sabbath and I am most happy to inform you that a very liberal collection and donation were made, so that I will be able in two or three days from now I think to send you

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[illegible] you a [illegible]
ration of our Prayers in our meeting [illegible]
presented. We rejoice with you dear brother th[illegible]
God is blessing you with a revival of his grace
may it be continued untill all the chu[illegible]
and all the people in Rochester [illegible]
blessed with an unction from on
high. I am happy also to in[illegible]
you that God is visiting us als[illegible]
with showers of divine mercy now [illegible]
among our Methodists and Baptist br[illegible]
our there are unmistakable signs of the
Spirits influence, among the Presbyteria[illegible]
brethren, so that the Pastors of the vario[illegible]
churches deemed it expedient to estab[illegible]
Daily morning Prayer meeting in the Lecture
room of the first Presbyterian Church on the
week commencing on Monday morning, there
were probably not less than 200 present bo[illegible]
mornings thus far, to God be all the [illegible]
I will write again in a few days as so[illegible]
my brother Treasurer of the Session gets the amount
and I will then send his check.

Yrs [illegible] [illegible]

Albany 14 Feby 1866

Rev Sheldon Jackson
Rochester Minn

Dear Sir

Your letter of Dec 1/65 addressed to our Sab. School was duly received. It was read in the School and at our Monthly Concert in January and was listened to with great interest. We were all thankful to hear that you were well again and we were also gratified to learn that you had been so prospered in the great undertaking of providing a suitable place of worship for the people to whom you minister and you have our prayers that your labors among

there may be abundantly
blessed.
At our teachers meeting
it was resolved that we
take up a collection in
our S. School for the
aid of your School &
I herewith hand you
a Draft to your order
for twenty five Dollars the
proceeds of that Collection,
to be applied to any purpose
for which your S. School may
need it, leaving that
entirely to you to determine,
I shall be pleased to
hear from you as often
as you can spare time
to write, and your letters
I shall read at our
Monthly Concert, adding
much to their interest,
In all your self denying

labors in the cause of
the Master in that
new & rapidly growing
region we shall ever
take a lively interest
And May the Lord
evermore give you heart
by bringing many through
your instrumentality to bright
to a knowledge of the truth
Very truly your
friend & Brother
James H. Pratt
Drawer 160
Albany
Supt of 1st Pres Ch
Sat School

Isaac A. Ma[illegible] 151
Newark N.J.

Newark Feb 23rd 1866

Revd Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir I take pleasure in stating that your letter was read to our Congregation by Dr Craven our pastor. and was responded to in the Sum of One Hundred and Seventy five $175 dols for to pay for your furnace. and one of our Elders Mr I. D. Armilye feeling an Interest in your Case has Kindly handed to me Fifty $50 00/100 dols. with the understanding that it is to be used expressly for your own comfort and for your family and for no other purpose whatever. a few Ladies of the sewing Society through my Wife also send you Twelve $12 00/100 as a trifling present to Mrs Jackson for her own use. so you will understand that $175 00/100 is to be applied in payment for Furnace and the ballance for yourself and Family. enclosed you will find

a Check for Two Hundred and Thirty
Seven dols made payable in New York
City in current funds. Please upon
the reciept of this let me hear from
you. and now my dear brother me with
you all God Speed in your good work
and Labour of Love. I remain your
in Christian Fellowship

Isaac A. Alling
of 3d Church Lyrone
Newark N.J.

N.B. please direct to me thus
Isaac A. Alling
No 25 Walnut St,
Newark
N.J.

Sabbath School

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Princeton
Feb. 23 1866

Rev. Sheldon Jackson
Dear Sir

Enclosed please find twenty five dollars, wh. the S. S. of the 1st Church of Princeton send you for the School wh. you hope to establish.

It has been customary in the school to take up a monthly collection for home missionary purposes. When the time came for appropriating it - your name was mentioned - I called to consult Dr. Macdonald on the subject - He had only that morning received a letter from you - expressing

your desire for money.

The coincidence was startling - & seemed providential. It is with great pleasure that we send the small sum - with the hope that you will find it of use in meeting your necessity -

Dr. Macdonald wishes me to say that the demands are so great upon him for money that he fears he will be able to do nothing now. But he will write you on the subject -

I shall hope to hear from you on the receipt of this.

Most sincerely Yours
Jas. C. Johnson
Superintendent

Mrs Dr. Phillips

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New York March 13th (1866?)

My dear young friend

I have been intending to write to you ever since my dear husband left me, but have been ill, and am still very, very nervous. I cannot even now enter into detail and it wants but a few days of a year since he was taken. I believe you loved him, and knowing the interest he took in you, I cannot help feeling the same, when he received your letter he wept and said I must read this to my people; and I dont know how I shall do it. He was not tired, as I think he did not preach more than once after that. The special reason for my writing now is to tell you that I wish to send you a book containing the addresses that were delivered at the funeral. There is a likeness of him in it

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which I do not think good, tho most people do the Eyes are not his, I will send a lock at the same time which I consider much better, I also wish to send a small box of Sunday School books for your children, perhaps you can put me in way of sending them, I will wait till I hear from you, do you think you will be on this Spring, we go out of town in the Summer, but if I am in town when you come, I shall always expect you to stay with us. I have just heard that there is quite a revival in Princeton and there seems to be quite an awakening here, I suppose you have heard there is a Pastor settled here Dr Paxton my hand is so unsteady I really fear you cannot read this, I have not the pleasure of knowing your wife but remember me affectionately to her when you have leisure. I should like to hear from you, if there are any babies, and how many I feel very sad this Month, every day has its history for me, but if I know my own heart I would not bring him who is gone back again to suffer when I am certain he is so happy, and can suffer no more, but I must say Good bye I shall wait to hear from you

Yours affectionately

Frances S Phillips

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Newark June 11. 1866

Dear Bro Jackson

Your welcome letter was rec on Saturday day befor yesterday. I was very glad to hear from you, and that the Lord was still blessing you with his Grace, and that you had sent a Missionary to La Crosse, and also desired an interest in our Prayers for God's blessing to attend his labors. It was my privilege to read your letter to the meeting and you may rest assured that hearty and fervent supplications were offered for the Divine blessing on you and the Missionary at La Crosse. We had a delightful meeting there were about 20 present. I must tell you, what meetings we have had during the Spring I think I never saw so great an interest as s

has been manifested not only, as it regards the large number present (some evenings as high as 80 young men and youths, have been present at my house) but a deep anxiety for the salvation of the Lord among the impenitent has been apparent. I should like very much to make a trip West again this summer, but do not expect too. Remember me to your friends at Rochester. My family are comfortable at present. Mrs Alling has been complaining most all spring with a cold but she is much better now. You wish to be remembered to Mrs Ball, but alas our dear old mother is no more below. She has we trust, made a happy exchange, she died on the 30th day of December last in her 85th year. The funeral was a very large one, and took place at my house. Such is life the aged and the young and all ages must succumb to the destroyer. Write soon. We send our regards to you all

Yrs Truly H Alling

P.S. I forgot to explain to you that the enclosed $10.00 is a donation from our Mission School. We have been taking up a collection for several months past, in our School and at our Teachers meeting the other evening we found that we had nearly twenty dollars on hand so we resolved to send you $10, and $10 to a new mission School here in our City. So you will please receive this for the benefit of your School, and write an interesting letter adapted to the capacities of our Mission School children,

Yrs Truly

Horace Alling

Jn Millard
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Brooklyn Octo 4th 1866

Rev H S Jackson

Dear Sir

We have returned from the country after an absence of eight weeks, with health improved from having had a change of air.

You will please find enclosed a certified check for One hundred dollars.

Hoping this may find you all in good health

I remain

Yours truly

John Millard

Rev E. D. Yeomans D.D.

Rochester, N. Y. Oct. 13, '65

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Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

My dear Brother,

We have a lot of remnants of packages of Sunday School papers — mostly "Visitors," I think — something like a thousand. Will they be of use to you? If so, tell us how to send them.

I wish heartily we could send some effective donation, besides such "cold pieces". But it seems impracticable now. I had hoped to do something for Brother Lyon, but am disappointed, in ways which I cannot explain in a letter.

Very truly Yours,

E. D. Yeomans

Mrs Walsh
Anonymous
Jr
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New York
Oct 23. 1866

Rev Dr. Eddy

[illegible] was very
kind and thoughtful in sending us the photograph of your church, and we have taken great pleasure in looking at it, and showing to some of the friends who have contributed towards it, as it gives, truth in the picture, and it must be a great labor of love and sacrifice to you to see the church so crowned with success. I hope your many years of faithful labor in the little mass of [illegible] and welcome mans added to

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the commencement of the work [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] you
now at [illegible] must be taken
in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
in the [illegible] [illegible].

As regards the other matter you
[illegible] in your letter, I must ask
you to some more detailed information
before we can decide whether it
will be expedient for us to undertake it.
There are many difficulties
in the way of undertaking such
an extensive work — the destruction
is so much that unless you could
find some one man to give his
whole attention to it more satisfactorily
I doubt if any one would undertake the
task for which the requisite work,
I fear, will take his care to them
[illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] work) and what it would
[illegible] to do [illegible] [illegible]
on the [illegible].

I should like to have [illegible]
[illegible] & [illegible], and [illegible] the
[illegible] with you, as [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] a [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. If you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] could
[illegible] us a list of what the
work needs [illegible] [illegible] to make an
[illegible] it might [illegible] us to decide
what is best for us to do. [illegible] if
you could estimate what [illegible] of
money it would [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] if you could provide better [illegible] [illegible]
if the money [illegible] [illegible] to you [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] but we must at [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] Red legends to Mr. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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A. S. Howell
308
412 Broadway
New York Nov 10. 66

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Dear Mr Jackson

We hope to get a small box ready by Monday eve' – It's the gift of our dear Scholars. My wife says "She would not lend it" – I will for the Children took so much delight in bringing them to my house. One little girl gave her best doll. & we all thanked her for it. Only wish I could stand behind our table. Grew if common in appearance – It's the Lord's cause. & mites are acceptable. If they often hardly give them away.

Wishing you great success. & with best regards to your family I am yours in the field.

A. S. Howell

City P.O. Box 125

J. H. Pratt.

Albany 13 Nov 1866.

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Rev Sheldon Jackson

Rochester Min

Dear Sir

Last Sabbath I had the pleasure of reading to our School your very interesting letter of Oct 25th and afterwards we had some remarks from Mr Bagnall of St Paul's Sabbath School of New York chief of that city. Mr B told the school that for three years he urged them to do all they could to aid the cause of Sunday Schools in the West.

Our annual occurs next Sabbath & immediately after that I shall again call the attention of both teachers & scholars to the subject by giving them a copy of your letter & of the speech of Mr Bagnall. We have no Sunday School on Monday 26th but shall remember it in our prayers.

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[illegible] and would [illegible]

prepared to throw to [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] schools in

little neighborhood, and I

[illegible] one school [illegible]

[illegible] supplimentary

[illegible]

[illegible] suggestions

[illegible] office.

like to know of these [illegible]

[illegible] established.

[illegible]

[illegible]

named) - Yours [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] of the [illegible] that [illegible]

[illegible] Sept last completed,

[illegible]

[illegible] of the [illegible]

$5000 - [illegible] is free of debt.

& has a school of [illegible]

[illegible]

Albany Nov 15th 1866.

Revd Sheldon Jackson

dear Sir,

Your favor enclosing Phs of your Church, was duly recd. and which shall receive a more extended notice – I am requested by my good wife, to inform you, that our Sabbath School, Teachers & Scholars. will send you a Box of Useful, and Fancy articles, but whether there will be enough to furnish a Table, we cannot say – We hope to pack the Box on Monday the 3d of December, and I will see that it is forwarded the same day, and in mean time,

I remain yours Truly

W M Wendell.

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Wendell
Albany

Albany Nov 27th 1866

Rev Mr Jackson

Dear Sir

Enclosed, you will find a check for thirty-six dollars, twenty five cents— twenty dollars of which, is a donation from Mr Wendell, the remainder, from some of the members of the S School, not skilled in manufacturing fancy articles. Also, the key to the trunk, containing the articles enumerated, in the accompanying list, and forwarded to you this day by the American Express Co. We wish it had been a great deal more, but this season of the year, brings so many demands upon both time and purse, that it is not easy, to meet them all; though when we read your account of your self denying people, our warmest sympathies are excited, and we feel self condemned, that we do so little for our Master. The articles are marked

to correspond with the marked here, but of course, the ladies will make any alterations they think best. Hoping that your fair, will prove a perfect success, and every dollar of your debt be paid, permit me to subscribe myself,

Your sincere friend
E. E. Wendell

P. S. I send this letter, at the request of my aunt, to say that if there should be any changes on the trunks the ladies would like to have you notify them, for it has been franked through.

E. A. Hills.

Pin-cushion
2 Rattle-boxes
Cushion-cover & Mats
2 Lace-stockings with candy
" " " Pop-corn
Child's-apron
2 Book-marks
4 Tidys
2 Hoods
Scarf
2 Tomato-cushions
2 pair Crocheted Mats
2 Toilet-bags
Doll
Watch-pocket
Braided Slippers
6 Perfume-bags
Pen-wiper
Toilet-set
Bracket
6 pr Hose
Babys Sacque
6 Holders
Shell-box
Carved-basket
4 pr Socks
Babys Hood
Bead-cushion
Breakfast-cape

3 Books
Alphabet
2 Spool-cars
2 pr Mats
2 Ladies-aprons
6 Bows for Boys collars
Set of pack stones
1 doz lace bags with candy
Toys

E H Roberts

Middletown Connecticut
November 19th 1866

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Revd and Dear Sir

I pray you to pardon my seeming negligence in so long delaying a reply to your letter of 25th ultimo, and thanking you for the photograph of your Church - it shows well in our general collection of such works of art.

Mrs Roberts and myself were visiting the Albany portion of our family, and there saw your letter to ~~Mr. Allen~~ Mr Ludlows (late Dr Campells Church) it being in the hands of our daughter Mrs Wm Wendell, who engaged with her usual energy, in getting up a box for your fair, in which Mrs R, and our youngest daughter, although suffering from weak eyes, had an opportunity to assist a little.

The exertions of your Congregation are most praiseworthy, and cannot fail of a blessing from our Heavenly Father - "God helps those who help themselves", and I pray that you all, may be greatly prospered in every good thing, and that the holy Spirit may be poured out upon you, and upon the whole world, more and more abundantly.

I want a little peice more of your Chu[illegible]
edifice, and enclose my check on "Leather [illegible]
-ufacturers National Bank" New York City, for
Ten dollars to pay for it. (Would that I Co[illegible]
make it more) I do not like to risk Ban[illegible]
Note, by Mail, and no doubt you can ea[illegible]
turn the Check into Cash, without discou[illegible]
as all matters financial, tend natural[illegible]
to the great Money Market of the Count[illegible]

Very respectfully your friend a[illegible]
brother in Christ E H Roberts

Trenton Nov. 15. 1866

Rev Sheldon Jackson
Dr Bro.

Doct Hall
sent me your letter
directed to the S S of the
Trenton Presb. Ch. of which
I am one of the Superinten-
dents, Mr W S Johnson.
being the other
We brought the matter
before the School, and
the proposition to assist
your Ch. in the way pro
posed was favorably
received, and you may
expect something from us.
we propose to get what we
can by Thanksgiving day.

and to get the school together
to see their donations and
have some anniversary
exercises, this being the fifth
year since the establishment
of this school. and the
gentleman by whom it was
done, is still living we hope to secure
his presence on the occasion.
You will please send
Shipping directions.

I remain
Your friend
W. J. Owens.

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SABBATH SCHOOL TEACHERS' INSTITUTE,

ROCHESTER, MINN., FEBRUARY 26, 27, 28, 1867.

PROGRAMME.

TUESDAY EVENING (BAPTIST CHURCH.)

7:00 to 7:20—Devotional Exercises.
7:20 to 8:30—Addresses.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

9:00 to 9:30—Devotional Exercises.
9:30 to 10:00—Object Teaching—Infant Class.
10:00 to 10:30—Specimen Lesson—Bible Class.
10:30 to 11:00—Review of the above.
11:03 to 12:00—Rewards.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2:00 to 2:30—Devotional Exercises.
2:30 to 4:30—Science of Teaching.

EVENING SESSION.

7:00 to 7:30—Devotional Exercises.
7:30 to 9:00—Science of Teaching.

THURSDAY MORNING,

9:00 to 9:30—Devotional Exercises.
9:30 to 10:30—Teachers' Meeting.
10:30 to 12—Miscellaneous.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

How to apply Truth. Direct Inquirers. Increase Conversions and Devotional Exercises suitable to the day of Fasting and Prayer for the Young.

The Institute promises to be of great advantage to all connected with Sabbath Schools, as well as a season of great privileges to any who may attend.

It is earnestly desired that there should be a full attendance.

BY ORDER OF COMMITTEE.

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$ 1100.00

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Put into Manse 400.00
$ 700.00
3 years Service 1000 $ - $3000

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City	~~45~~	95	~~99~~ 100
Country	~~29~~	19	~~48~~ 45

76 now in City
30 in Country
18 Absent
11 in Country for me

Manse 200.
Bell 500.
Furnace 450.
Communion Service 50.
Pew Racks 40.
Sabbath S Books 100.

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Mr. J. Owens
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Eatonville Nov 29. 1866

Dear Friends

We expect to reach home tomorrow, and we hope you may receive some good tidings and that your cause may be helped through their means.

You know we had not much police out we drink the children done well and now I must tell you about the day, and the occasion. We decorated the School room with Flags and Evergreens. Then we set out a long table covered with a white cloth, then all the articles were laid out on this table. In another room another table was set

with some iced Cakes
applause and at the proper
time six Gallons of Ice Cream
was placed on his table
this was to be a surprise
for the Children, they
were told they must give
this time not receive.
In due time Mr Shenard
arrived from Belvidere
the gentleman who started
the first Sunday School
in Trenton just 50 years
before, we met in the
Church at 3 P.M. Had
addresses once singing &
the Congregation then
invited to visit the
School room and see
the Articles which they
did. The School then
went down to the Lecture
Room and afterwards
were permitted to go into the
School Room and see the
Table. This being done
they were conducted into
the refreshment room
the Ice Cream &c. was
soon demolished and
the Children then left
for their homes. well
pleased with their
Thanksgiving day.
The ladies have thanked
the Articles but of course
you will do the best you
can whether it be more
or less. we shall be glad
to hear how our table
succeeded.
Your letter was read to-day
at our Anniversary Meeting
& I was glad I received it
in time. hoping to hear of

the safe arrival of this box

I remain

Your Bro in Chr

W J Owens

Dec 3. 1866

The Box was sent on Sat Dec 1st I was not in when it went and so the charges have to go with the box. but you will pay the Express (Am Exp Co). and write me the amount, & we will remit it to you

Please tell us something about your place its population business, churches &c. &c. the question has been asked what kind of a place is Rochester?

Yours
W J O

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E 76 Motivator
60+50 – $110
(1870) 168

Rochester Sabbath Eve Nov 25
My Dear Minnesota Missionary
Mr Sheldon Jackson

Dear Brother
your hearty Christian letter
handed to me the Sabbath
after it was rec'd by Dr Hall & brot back
to our minds eye, your pleasant
face, and to my own mind,
the resolution I then
made, that yours, should
from that time be our
mission field & how poorly
with many other good
resolutions it has been
kept – I took the Photograph
of your truly neat & tasty Church
around, from class to class,
calling back to them your
cheery pleasant face, &
and before the close of the

School, I read to them your message of love. and it would have done your heart good, to have seen the unanimous & hearty response they all, Teachers & Scholars gave to your request - and I hope that your Prayer that God would assist - us to carry out the them desires of our hearts, has in some measure been answered - A place of meeting for the young ladies was appointed to devise a plan make up articles desiring that they might not do as much as we ought, as a school for want of proper materials to make up. I said to them that I would give them $50# to purchase what materials they might need, as a starting point - but I learned on the next Sabbath, what we men, are so slow to learn that in all benevolent operations women, are more judicious in the expenditure of money, but also that they are more patient to carry out details than men - for they quietly informed me next Sabbath that they did not need the $50# they wanted to reserve that and send it with the box so that you would have so much money sure. was not this noble, they preferred to gather up their materials as they could, and have you have the box and the money for - they have had two or three meetings since, what they

have gathered I have not su
as get- one thing I know y
have been the means under G
of doing us all good. Lim
up our hearts. to commence
doing for you. what we d
our own free wills and
thoughtfulness. Should hav
been forward to have do
a year ago- many little hand
in every class in the schoo
have been busy upon their
little offerings. my own dear
boys 9 & 11 years, Georgie & Granger sent- two
wooden Brackets of their own
handy work alone- how to encourage
them in doing good. please inform
me after the sale how much the
bring- we now intend to send
the box prepaid by Express on
Thanksgiving day as an offering
of thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father
for His goodness to us as a school

Scripture of the Christ S. School E. H. Hollister

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as an earnest of our kindly feeling and our Christian love for you and your noble Christian work, I send enclosed a Draft for $504 to be added to what you may receive for the articles sent for the table of the Third Pres Church Rochester N. York. altho. the articles may not bring a large amount - yet I regard each article as precious carrying as it does the precious spirit of our Saviour Love, Love! Charity, in its higher, purer sense, from the hearts of the little band of his covenant children in the Third Church Roch. N.Y. to the hearts of his covenant children of the First Pres Church Winnisota. May God's blessing go with them and

prayer of your Brother and Elder and Sister an Elder and the

may the proceeds be blessed by him, which shall increase the amount a thousand fold.

And now my dear Brother what can I say to encourage your heart - amid your arduous labours. God's Spirit seems to be so manifestly with you and you are so much blessed in those labours, that it would seem superfluous to me to add anything; but I may be able lighten or make those labours more pleasant, by informing you that our Lord has made me His treasurer, and Has deposited with me a considerable amount - and has given me talents and the opportunities to increase the deposits, and has for a series of years put it into my mind and heart - to hear the voice of His Spirit in His word to "lay aside each week (or at stated periods) as the Lord doth prosper" for the Lords especial work - and He does speak to me in His word to pay especial heed to His Crafts made through His Servants - labouring in His service in the more trying & destitute fields of missionary labour - to His cause in the heathen not only, but to their own wants "for in as much as ye have done it to one the least of one of these my disciples ye have done it unto Me" now my Dear Bro. the Lord has cast your lot - in a precious field has filled your heart with His Love and has no doubt supplied fully your personal wants. but no

doubt your heart is often
pained to see many times so
much lost for the want a
little timely aid. what I
ask is this that when ever you
the work of the Lord suffering
for the lack of means are
ful that it is really a work
of His - that He has a treasurer
down East here, who altho
only age 37 has a fund "laid
up" for the calls of the Master

And now my dear Bro. allow
me to urge one thing overlooked
by many teachers of the young
upon you, train the young of
your church in the Grace of
Systematic benevolence. "work by a
at stated periods. Oh if all the children
the church could grow up to have this "Grace"
also, how would the treasuries of the Lord
overflow, & how would the treasuries of
God's people be filled for as they give ~~out~~ ou
by handsfull, with the right motive, he sends it
back by baskets full - God bye & may God Bless you
and your self denying people is the

Rochester N.Y.
Feb 6th/86

Rev. Sheldon Jackson
Dr. Sir

Enclosed
you will please find
receipt for 1 box of
articles sent to your
address this day, per
U. S. Express Co, charges
prepaid. A small fan
was overlooked in packing
the box, consisting of a fan
and three small bottles of
perfume, which I will
send to you to day by mail.
This fan is part of the
donation of the Class called
"The Conquerors". I believe
that most of the articles are
designated from what Classes

donated.

It has afforded much pleasure to all the teachers and members of our Sunday School, to respond to the proposition for furnishing a table at your contemplated fair or festival. I assure you we have an affection for our Church, as we call it; in the far North-west, and very earnestly we hope and pray, for its prosperity, both temporal and spiritual.

Trusting that this Box may reach its destination safely, and that its contents may prove acceptable, and help in some measure in a pecuniary manner the Church of which you are the honored pastor,

I remain, yours
Geo Breck

Lawrence Ville N.J. Nov 14th 66

Rev & Dear Sir

Dr Gosman gave me the letter you sent to our sabbath school. We were very glad to hear from you & to receive the Photograph of your church. It gives us much pleasure to know that you have such a nice church built, in which to worship God and win souls for Christ, & we feel that we, together with the whole church, are much indebted to you, for the very great exertions and sacrifices you have made, to establish the Presbyterian Church in Rochester. Our school are very glad that you have ~~made~~

given us an opportunity
aid you, in your enterpr
And have requested me to
inform you, that he will
send you a box of Artic
for your Fair. I would
like to know your directions
and how to send the box
whether as Freight or by Exp
ress. Hopeing that you will
be succesful in your eff
to pay your debt. & prayin
that God will abundantly
bless you & your noble little
band of Presbyterians

I am
Yours truly
James G. I. Camp

To
Rev Sheldon Jackson

J. G. Campbell
60+65 $125

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Lawrenceville Dec 17th/1866

Rev S Jackson

Dear Sir

I sent you the boy from our Sunday school a week ago to day. We had the box nearly packed before we got your letter asking us to mark the value of the articles. Our Articles were not expensive except the shell frame made by Miss Bella Nassau, which we thought worth about $10.00. It has indeed been a "Labour of love" to get ready this box for you. Enclosed you will find a ~~the~~ draft for $65 which is the amount of money we raised for your Fair, I hope Sir that you will

be permitted to see a strong, & vigorous, Church grow up, (as the fruit of your labors & prayers) at Rochester.

I feel that the work of home Missions needs far more liberal support than it now receives from our Church. I hope that the day is near. When we as a people shall realize that an enlightened Christianity is the only safe guard of our liberties. Our prayer should be for more faith. So that we shall not fear to "Honor the Lord with our substance & with the first fruits of all our increase" When Gods people trust his promises, & are earnest in their prayers for the extension of his Kingdom then shall we see the work of Foreign work both prospering in an unwonted degree. & there will be no lack of men or of means to carry on the grand work of the Conversion of the world. Praying that Gods blessing may continue to follow your labors

I am
Yours Sincerely
James G. I. Campbell

C. H. Matthews

Schenectady Nov 30/64

Rev Sheldon Jackson

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Dr Sir

Enclosed I send draft on New York for $150 to aid your church. I believe this ends my promise made sometime since. If I have the means and have no other calls more urgent I may continue to do something for your enterprise. With kind regards to you and yours

I remain Yours truly

C. H. Matthews

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J. S. Hurzell

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412 Broadway

Newark Jan 4th 67

Dear Bro in the Field.

Your a. 1. letter to our Children at hand. They will hear it next Sabbath. As to the "Table" we shall desire to see the "Hand bill" - not yet - to hand - Hope it won't miscarry as I want to show them how you in the "Wilderness," do up matters & things. Very glad you had such encouragement, & met with such success. We held our 10th A. S. Missy Concert last Sabbath, full room, & had a rough map of your & adjacent counties, where our 8 Schools are planted.

Advise me as to the number of Messengers wanted for '67. Yours

Yours truly

J. S. Hurzell

Rev. Sheldon Jackson

L. S. Howell
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412 Broadway
New York Jany 6 '66
Jan 6, 1866

Dear Mrs Jackson

Your letter to our S School came so opportunely, we spent our last Sabbath in the old year, reading reports from our Missionary in Wis - talking about our dear Mrs Lewis's lovely 2 children - 1 a daughter of 2 summers; & his first born, a son of 13. Then your letter. & we unite saying Amen to your - & yours. -

You needed no one to say it for you. As we all know you

I have ordered 50 copies Am Messenger sent to you - If you need more advise the seed is good, results we shall know when we reach home. Please send me word what the postage amounts to - I wish to do it all clear, Is the Master?

Lands, I am only his Steward, He would not like business done in a poor Slip Shod way.

By our labor or, your reward will meet you. Can I do anything for you? Would you like the S. S. Times for a year, for your family? It is so good every one ought to have it.

A Happy New year to you all

Yours &c

J. S. Howell

Address

P.O. Box 135.

Ocean City N.J.

Mrs M. Fox 174

Lancaster March 12th 1850

Mr Jackson

Dear Sir

Your letter was received in due time, we were glad to hear from him, we have not heard that you had completed your church, we do rejoice with you in your prosperity in the church, and the Sabbath School, we shall hope to hear from you, also from your family are they with you? are they comfortable and well? I do pray to sympathize with those who are laboring to promote truth and suffer many privations — May the presence of God ever be with you — his blessing attend all your labors for the advancement of his kingdom — I would gladly add my mite, and did hope we could —

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Inclosed you find the
five dollars. I do wish it
was more

Respectfully
yours

Willie was much pleased
with his letter. Thanks, Mr.
for it, also for the little
incident. When convenient
would like to know you received
the money.

Albany,
Oct 19. 1866.

My Dear Jackson,

Your letter and phot^s. came safely. The church makes a beautiful picture. I am very much pleased with it, and so are all to whom I have shown it. Have you sent it generally to your subscribers?

Calling this morning on Mr. Wm Wendell he remarked that he had not yet received one and that he would like one very much. He said also that if you would send one each of the church and yourself to Mr. E. H. Roberts of Middletown, Conn, it would be a compliment he would appreciate. Mr Roberts, he said, sent you $5. for Mr Wendell as I understood.

I wish I could do something for the ~~M~~ Itinerant Missionaryship, for I know its importance. But you know the old

story of the prophet without honor in his own country. I am restrained also by my own feelings. I feel that I draw rather on the goodwill than on the benevolence of the friends from whom I ask money, and to a certain extent I found this realized in collecting $350 for Hunter so I shall not try again, ~~but~~ but simply use my influence to back others.

Your reputation is well established both here and elsewhere. It is a good reputation. People feel that they give not to you but to your cause, when you present it. And you could raise more money in a week than I could in a month, I stand higher than ever instead of being an object of suspicion.

I asked Mr Wendell about the propriety of inviting you on to present the cause, and he rather advised against it for this year on the ground that the First Church (late Dr Campbell's) had just built a Mission Chapel costing over $5000 and were running it, and would hardly feel like entertaining your cause immediately. As he is himself a liberal man, not afraid of good objects, his opinion is entitled to consideration. But, after all, there is always money in the Church to be had for the asking, if the cause is rightly presented. And the Synod could not do better than to send you out. And if the general results are as before, the people will be more interested in Home Missions ~~than~~ each time you come.

I have mortgaged my Benev. Fund for a year in advance to publish a tract on God's Way of Giving which I hope will bear fruit many fold. The Board have it still under consideration. It may not be out before the Holidays.

I am always glad to get your budgets of information I hope you will not forget it. My health is tolerable, but uneven, too much so to allow me to engage in any regular work. I work ~~to~~ as opportunities prompt, though not in preaching.

With regards to the brethren, and kind remembrances to Wm Jackson,

Yours fraternally,

Robert Storry

R Strong
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Albany, Nov 2. 1866.

My dear Jackson,

Your letter to the 1st Church Sunday School has been handed over to them. It will, I have no doubt, receive a welcome. I think you are to be congratulated on the tact you have shown in making your appeal in this shape, and I shall be disappointed if you do not get both articles for the fair and cash also.

Let me recur again to the photographs. Mr. Wendell was really gratified in receiving one, and so, he told me, was his wife. She said that his gratification in receiving it was proof enough to him of the value of such a recognition of gifts. If you have not sent them generally to your

subscribers here, on the score of expense, suppose you reconsider the question under this suggestion, that it would be repaid perhaps tenfold directly, in the increased interest taken in this box for your fair.

I know that you are alive to all good arguments for increasing the interest of our people in Home Missions so I do not hesitate to urge this mode again, supposing that of course you have the subscription book still, and the names.

I shall send you in a few days my "Episcopal Invitation". It comes out anonymous at my request. If you think it adapted for usefulness I can send you ½ doz extra copies. And you can make its existence known through the Presbytery. I felt that the subject needed rehandling and am a little curious to see if it meets a want. Yet even if completely successful, its circulation must be mainly thro ministers for the people do not buy such tracts until their attention is called to them. Our Board declined it, for which I am rather thankful, for it enabled me to improve it materially, and then to experience the courtesy of the Other Branch.

Yours fraternally,
Robert Strong.

49 West 11th Street

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New York March 23 1868

Rev. Alexander Heckman

Dear Sir

[illegible]

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Rev R. M. Roberts

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Rochester Minn Oct 12/68

Dear Bro. Jackson

Your letter, dated Cedar Rapids Iowa Oct 2nd/68 was forwarded to me at this place by my wife. It came saturday.

You may think it strange that I am here. When in Wis, I recieved two letters from Bro. Lyon urging me to go to Albert Lea. I wrote to him that, as I was Stated Clerk of Pres, & Pres was to meet soon I could not visit Minn now. I afterwards concluded to visit Albert Lea before returning home.

When I got here, on my way,

my Brother told me what you requested him to write me in reference to Rochester, I decided to spend the Sab. here. Bro. Devoe invited me & I preached Sab. evening.

Monday Mr & Mrs Baden, my Bro. & myself got a carriage & started for A. L. We got back Saturday.

Bro. Stead invited me & I preached last evening. I am pleased with the Rochester church, & as you have resolved to leave, I would like very much to come here. I would feel very grateful to you for your influence to secure me this place.

You invite me to supply the pulpit 1st & 2d Sabbaths of November.

As matters now stand I do not see how I can do it. Of course, I do not feel at liberty to make known to the Church your purpose to leave. And, unless they knew it, they would think it strange that I should remain here for two Sabbaths, for the purpose of supplying the church two Sabbaths. Such a position would be a very delicate one for me. If the church knew your purpose it would be otherwise.

To go home & return in two weeks would not diminish the delicacy of the position. Then the expense would be greater than I could bear.

I have been in a great strait to decide what to do. I have decided to go

home to morrow to an
the developments of p
idence. I always fe
to be my duty to avoid
the appearance of interfer
with the charge of an
Brother, and such mig
the construction, if I s
remain here. If the Ch
knew your purpose, it wo
be otherwise.
I would like to hear fr
you soon at Litchfield
Anything you may do to
my coming here will be g
fully remembered.
Albert Lea is a pretty pl
& promising field of lab
they have no good schools - a
both my children are a
that age when they must g
to school - they cant wait
I hope to hear from yo
soon. Yours very truly
R. M. Robe

I would not go to Madison Wis, if I should get a unanimous call. It is an old dried up church, with but little life, and no outside material to work upon.

I would like to come to Mbcin, if the Lord will and as it is a cold climate, if I come this fall, I would like to get into winter quarters as soon as may be. Of course I must patiently wait the Lord's time.

R. M. Roberts

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Titusville Dec 16. 1868

Rev. S. Jackson

Dear Bro.

I am known to you through Alfred Stead and my conversation from time to time with him has lead him to think the West my field. I have thought so too, and almost concluded to go prospecting this winter. But the indications of Providence seem to say "Stay at present where you are" this is indicated by a spirit of seriousness & earnest inquiry among my people with reference to their individual salvation. I feel I cannot leave them - For the present then I feel it duty to stay & work where I am.

May the blessing of

attend for. May it attend
ace the labors in the field
& I pray that the Spirit of
our new Schwe brethren may
animate us –

With great respect
Yours Truly

Wm A. Jenks
Titusville
N Jersey.

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Green Bay, Jan 12, 1866

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.

Dear Bro:- Perhaps you may remember me as a Student at Hayesville O. while you were there. - I have heard of you many times and of your great usefulness in the Ministry. - My object in writing is this: My wife is in very poor health: and our Physician has informed us, that her recovery will make necessary a change of residence, the Climate here being too Severe. I do not know whether your State would be any better. But I have taken the liberty to inquire whether there is a field in that direction which I might occupy. - I have been here for more than three years, and would be glad on many accounts to remain longer. The Church is Presbyterian, but is not connected with Presbytery, but with the Convention of Congregational Churches.-

I would feel more at home to be back in an old School Church or in a Church Connected with a Presbytery. I have four Children, the youngest five years old. They pay me here a Salary of twelve hundred ($1200), and I find it difficult to live on that amount. I merely mention these things in order that you may judge better in reference to the kind of place in which I could labor. But for my family I would be willing to go any where and live on any amount which would barely support me. — I would be glad to go into some growing town and build up a church; or if the Lord directs, I will go to a church already having strength. Any where I am ready to go when there is a prospect of usefulness. I love the ministry and shall work hard wherever I go. — Please excuse me for troubling you on this Subject. But if you should know of a vacant field and will inform me or mention my name to such a church I will appreciate the favor and feel thankful. — After so many years of Separation I proposed be delighted if we could meet. With best wishes and with my prayers for your continued health and usefulness I remain

Your friend and brother

J. T. Kilburn. —

Post. Do you ever hear from Burgess? —

J. T. K. —

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Green Bay, Jan. 22, 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Bro:— Your letter has been received. Many thanks for your prompt reply. In answer to your inquiry I would say, that I can come to Minn. at almost any time, with a few days notice.— My resignation here takes effect the first of June, but with the understanding, that if I desire to leave before that time I can do so. I shall have no objection to spending a few weeks in that region.— You have a beautiful Church Edifice; and I have heard from more than one source of the enterprising character of that place.—

Your brother in Christ,

J. S. Kilen.

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Resigned.—We learn that the Rev. Mr. KILLEN has resigned the charge of the Presbyterian church of this city, on account of the delicate state of Mrs. K's health. Her physicians have advised her to try a more southern climate in hopes of regaining her health.—This unexpected decision of Mr. K. will be regretted by many warm personal friends here to whom he has endeared himself by his talents and many virtues, and who will be glad to hear of his good fortune, wherever he may go.

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Mount Vernon Vt
Lindenshire Jan 25 1859

Dear Bro. Your 20th is rec'd. I am glad to hear from you & wd have been glad to hear more about you & what you are doing. I am pleased to hear that the Synod has taken up Bro. L. and hope that he may get a comfortable support as well as do a good work.

You ask about Rev. Killen. Have your people in Rochester determined anything yet in regard to Bro. Sproull? As to Bro. S. I have met him but have never heard him preach. I have heard, however, that he is a very good preacher. He pleased them at Portage & was invited a couple of years ago, but did not then wish to leave Green Bay. I think he would stand high as a Christian gentleman & a preacher. About his executive or administrative ability I do not know. I had a letter from him but supposed that he wanted a milder climate for his wife's health.

All goes on as usual in Phil.a Bro C
wife's letter of acknowl. was read (in p
Dr Cunningham's people yesterday.

Remember me to your wife & to a
ren.

Yours truly
Stuart Me

Robinsonville Jan. 27th 1869

Rev. Sheldon Jackson

Dear Brother

Your favor of the 20th inst. is received and in answer I can only say that I am but a little acquainted with Brother Killen's labors. I heard many consistent Christians say that he preaches very good sermons; An excellent brother of his church told me that he is always well prepared for his Sabbath labors, that his sermons are not only orthodox but also fully entering into the spirit of the gospel. He has tried to preach in open street in summer time but he has been forbidden to continue by

the Mayor on account of disturbances made by some wicked fellows. I have no doubt that he is a good and efficient minister of Christ.

In regard to the Church to which he ministers I know it is prety large but I cannot say how large it is.

I am sorry to not be able to give you more information but as I live 16 miles off from Green Bay and my labors taking my whole time I have but a few opportunity to visit other churches, for I have four preaching Stations and many other points where my presence is required on week days.

Please to excuse my bad english for I am not an english scholar; and I have few opportunities to improve my english my labors being all in the french language

With Christian regard
I am truly your's
Henry Morell
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C. O. Box No 84
Green Bay
Wis

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Fondduluc Wis
30th Jany. 1869

The Revd
Selden Jackson.

Dear Bro

With regard to Bro Miller, I have seen Rev Mr Doe D.M. of Cong. Ch'l fr Wis. who knows Bro M well. He says that he is a quiet man, not a very strong or pointed writer or preacher, the effects of his sermons are of the seminary style - Essay-like. & not calculated to awaken,

He says that his personal influence is very great - & powerfully felt in his present Congregation

- I have met Bro. M. once and should think Mr Doe's representations near the truth.

The Congregation at Gr Bay

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Neenah Wis Feb. 1st 69

Rev. S. Jackson
Dear Bro.

My acquaintance with Bro Allen does not extend to a knowledge of his reputation as a preacher". I have learned from Bro. Wm C. Campbell of Depere who is in the habit of exchanging with him sometimes, that his sound on all the points of Calvinism. I have had the pleasure of meeting him at his home in Green Bay & found him as I believe a very superior man. I doubt not he is a man of talent, culture, & enjoy blessed with sincere piety, and the chastening hand of the

Ishpeming Mich. Feb. 2. 1869

Rev. Sheldon Jackson:

Dear Bro.

I have received a note from Bro. Smith of Fond du Lac asking me to write you in the subject of Rev. J. L. Willey's qualifications as Preacher & Pastor. I am well acquainted with Bro. Willey and cheerfully endorse all that Bro. Smith has said to you of him. As a Christian, has the spirit of Christ. as a Pastor is prudent in counsel, and faithful in admonition and rebuke, full of charity out of a pure heart, especially of tender sympathy for the afflicted, being tempted in like manner. - as a Preacher not strong in the pulpit as sermonizer or speaker, but with al

somewhat attractive - as a
Theologian is warmly
attached to O. S. theology &
government - the middle ag
that mind he has felt the
evil influences of other
systems.

I think he would
much more effective in the
O. S. Church than he has
been in the hard, world
divided church in which
he has labored for three
years.

Hoping that you
may be prospered in the
good work. I remain

Yours
in the bonds
of Christ
Wm. O. Campbell

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Chester Pa
Feb. 18th 1864

Rev. Frederick Denison

Dear Bro — I received a letter from you the other day, W.F. Mc. Co. [illegible] being now [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Intelligence [illegible] from the Prov. Lib. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] In this letter I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

Austin, Thursday
Feb 18. 1869.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

After much prayer and consideration I have at length decided, that it would not be best for me to go to Albert Lea, even if the people should desire me to do so. The more I think of the delicate state of my wife's health and of other domestic and social considerations, the more I am brought to feel, that some one else should occupy that field. As there are others who stand ready to go there my impression is, that it is better for me to leave the field for some one of them.

On the other hand, considering the unanimity of the Call from Rochester and the many earnest wishes expressed by various leading members of the church that I should accept the Call, considering the importance of the place as a center of influence and the present position of advantage which the Presbyterian

church there occupies. And considering the danger which there seems to be, that if I do not enter that field, dissensions will follow and the church will lose ground, — from considerations such as these I have been led to feel, that perhaps after all it is my duty to accept the Call, notwithstanding the faith and the self denial which it will involve. —

You are aware how difficult it will be to support my family on the amount mentioned in the Call. I am hoping to hear soon that it has been raised to twelve hundred. But without waiting I have about decided to go forward, wishing that it will be raised or that God will provide in some way. — Taking into the account your generous offer in reference to furniture, and the box of clothing I have been thinking that if perhaps I could receive some additional aid to pay the expenses of moving I might with great economy and much self denial, under the blessing of God, be able to make both ends meet, — At any rate I feel willing to try. —

I am aware, that Albion Lea would be a much easier field — one perhaps involving far less care, anxiety, and discouragement. But if I can be useful in Rochester, I am willing to encounter any sacrifice which may seem necessary, so far as I am able to. —

If I go there, it will be by faith, with the expectation that the Church will grow and prosper both spiritually and materially, and that we be able to do more than it seems to be at present. —

In consequence of this decision I have been thinking that it will be better for me to start to Green Bay to day, without going to Albion Lea at all. — By consulting a R.R. guide I have discovered that if I start this one sat I will not arrive at home till next wednesday. And it seems hardly best, that there should be so long a delay with nothing gained. — I am sorry for the delay this caused in settling a pastor at Albion Lea. But with my present decision for me to spend the sab there

would not facilitate matters. – On the other hand by leaving for G. Bay to-day I can supply my pulpit on the Sab. and begin to take steps with reference to removal besides being present with my families from whom I have already been separated for long. – I will to-day drop a line to Mr. Tulloch, saying that I will not be there and that you may be expected Saturday. –

You please to write as soon as convenient as I shall want to hear from you. I nothing prevents I will write with the Session of the Church through you, soon after getting home. When I and shall then clearly by what news and on what grounds I have been led to accept the call.

The circumstances have been such that I have been greatly perplexed to know what was duty. But I feel that I have gone to the right source for guidance. The last few days at Rodney I was feeling very unwell, which implied me to take the best view of things. – Thanking you for your great kindness I remain your brother in the L.

J. S. Sutherland.

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Green Bay, March 8, 1869.

Dear Bro. Jackson:-

Your last letter was received in due time.- When I was there I heard you speak of boxing your books soon, and my object in writing is to say, that if it is entirely convenient for yourself it would be very agreeable to me in being your study, if your library should remain until you move.- It may be several weeks after my coming before my books arrive, and I would as soon have them remain unopened until we move into the house.- Just do your own pleasure in the matter. But I thought there would be no harm in speaking of it.- My family go to South Bend in about two weeks to remain with our friends until I make arrangements

for them at Rochester. – Our children were very much pleased with the books you sent them and ask me for them to thank you. –
I do not see that it will be possible for me to be there sooner than the 1st of April. I will be there the last Sab. in March I can. – I will write to the Sec. soon. – My family are in usual health. Much love to Mrs. Fa[illegible] from my wife and self. –

Your friend and brother
J. G. Kile[illegible]

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WELCOME

TO THE

HOUSE OF THE LORD.

Rochester, Minn.

Respected Friends:

The Presbyterian Church of this city, possessing a beautiful and convenient house of worship, take this method of cordially inviting *you* to share it with them.

Desiring that all, who have not a home in other Christian Sanctuaries, may *here* enjoy the privileges of God's house, they say unto you who are *strangers*,

"This is the Strangers' Church. Come and worship with us."

To you who are unaccustomed to enter a place of worship,

"We offer a Spiritual home. Come, we will make you welcome."

To you who feel obscure and unnoticed—or, feel that your clothing is not as good as you could wish,

"Come, and we will gladly receive you in the name of the Master,"

who gave as the crowning proof of his divine mission, that

"To the poor the Gospel is Preached."

Whatever your condition or circumstances, come and join with us in worshiping Him, who "is no respector of persons."

There will be *ushers* at the doors, who will take pleasure in showing you to seats.

You will find the Church on the corner of Zumbro and Prospect Streets,—a wooden building, with windows of stained glass, and a tower on the corner of the building.

The Services are at 10 1-2 a. m., and 7 1-2 p. m. Sunday School at 2 p. m. Prayer Meeting, Wednesday Evening, at 7 1-2 p. m.

Presbyterians and others, coming into the city, and desiring information or boarding places, will find it to their interest to call upon the Pastor at his residence in the rear of the Church.

Come, Strangers. Come, Citizens. Come all. We welcome you in the Name of the Lord.

SHELDON JACKSON, Pastor.

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Rochester, Minn., Jan. 1867.

DEAR READER:

One earnest word! Reason as you will, and believe as you may, it is still a solemn truth that there is an ETERNAL HELL and an ETERNAL HEAVEN. You are a sinner, in danger of that hell; but GOD has provided an ESCAPE! He holds out to you the Cross of the LORD JESUS CHRIST. The worst and the vilest may be saved—even the chief of sinners. He has given you a life-time in which to be saved, but it will soon be gone. There is need of haste! Time flies—Heaven invites—conscience warns—Angels wait your conversion—devils seek your ruin—hell threatens—death approaches—eternity is at the door—the judgment is coming, and what do you propose to do? and when? How long will it be safe to wait? One moment may decide your destiny for eternity. The only time of which you are sure is *now!* To-morrow the chain of evil habits will bind you more tightly; snap it *now.* To-morrow, difficulties will be greater; meet them *now.* Religion is a work for every day; begin it *now.* Sin exposes to present miseries; escape them *now.* Holiness confers present joys; seize them *now.* The Father from His throne invites; return *now.* The Savior from his Cross beseeches; trust *now.* The Holy Spirit in your heart persuades; yield *now.* "Behold, NOW is the accepted time; behold now is the day of salvation." If you desire to be saved *now,* you are earnestly invited to attend the foregoing meetings at the Presbyterian Church, and learn the way. "Seek ye *first* the Kingdom of GOD" "For what shall it *profit* a man, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

PROGRAMME FOR MEETINGS,

AT THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

SABBATH, JAN. 13th, 1867.

Communion. Admission of Members. Sermon: Matthew xxvii. 36.

Monday Evening, 7½ o'clock.

Subject: Obligations to holy living not confined to Christians.

Tuesday Evening.

Subject: Danger of neglecting Christ. Hebrews ii. 3.

Wednesday Evening.

Subject: The Sinner's Excuses. Luke xiv. 16—24.

Thursday Evening.

Subject: Already Condemned. John iii. 18.

Friday Evening.

Union Meeting at the Methodist Church.

Sabbath, Jan. 20th.

10½ A. M. Sermon. Unremembered vows. 7 P. M. Conference. Grieving the Holy Spirit.

Monday Evening.

Subject. "How can I become a Christian?" Luke ix. 57—62.

Tuesday Evening.

Subject: What is Repentance.

Wednesday Evening.

Subject: What is it to believe on Christ.

Thursday Evening.

Subject: Duty of publicly professing Christ.

Friday Evening.

Union Meeting at the Baptist Church.

Individuals and Families

Having no regular place of worship are respectfully invited to attend

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

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BAZAAR!

at the

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,

THIS EVENING,

December 14th.

The Choicest Assortment of

Holiday Presents

Ever brought to this City. TOYS of all kinds and prices. CONFECTIONERIES from New York and Paris. Games and Parlor Amusements. CHILDRENS' CLOTHING, beautifully embroidered, and of the latest styles. Worsted, Bead and Needle Work, of superior workmanship and great vatiety Flowers, Perfumery and Books, Childrens' China Tea Sets &c., &c.

A full supply of Presents suitable for Sabbath and Family hristmas Trees.

(1866)

Sales will commence at 7 o'clock.

Rochester Nov 11th 1868

Dear B Jackson

Your favor of Oct 27th was duly rec
Mr Andrews also received your letter of Resignation adressed to the Session
Your resignation will cause deep regret to a great majority of the Ch & Congregation but we have no doubt that your present and future field will be one will be one of wider influence & usefulness. We saw the "Caution" of the Home Miss Soc. And how it was ~~heeded~~ minded at the Meeting of Synod of Phil at Lancaster (Presbyterian of Oct 31st)
There is nothing new in Church matters since you left. the 1st Sab after you left Mr Dexter preached in the morning & Mr Roberts in the Evening
2d Sab Mr Stead in the A.M. & Mr Roberts (who had returned from Atlantic Sea) in the Evening
3d Sab Mr McNulty preached & since that time Mr Davoc has filled the pulpit

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Mr Devoe preaches with a good degree of acceptance he is really a good preacher and suits the elderly portion of the people very well. he is rather monotonous and lacks force

Mr Roberts certainly does not lack when Mr Devoe does his voice is strong and his style forcible & impressive Still many think Mr Devoes sermons are the best For myself I think I would like Mr Roberts very well but a considerable number think Mr Roberts is not quite the man we would like

We learn that Dr Berry is at Nebaska and suppose that he has nothing definate on his hands we after consulting Mr Lyons on the subject we have written to him to see if he would preach for us for a time we have understood that he still retains his connexion with his Ch at Jersey City and that they only gave him leave of absense until Spring and that it is not probable that we could get him longer (if at all) than through the winter

Dr Berry is undoubtedly a good preacher and if we could get him during the winter it would give us time to find the right man

We would be glad to hear from you about the matter

James has forwarded your mail matter as directed

Mrs Dr Allen is low she may live till Spring but it is not expected

Mr Stedman Died Shortly after you left

Mr Cobb formerly of St Paul has been appointed to M E Church here

Mr Abbot from the East has arrived and preaches for the Baptists the Episcopalian home also secured a new Minister Mr from Corn

I have just seen Mr Baldwin he sends his kind regards to yourself and family although he is sorry that the separation has taken place yet he hopes and expects a large field of usefulness will be opened for you Mrs Elder wrote Mrs Jackson and will look for answer. She unites with our family in sending kind regards to yourself and family

With our best wishes and prayers for
usefulness and happiness I remain
Your aff Br
Wm Elder

The fears alluded to by you from some disaffected
Brethren here I think will not be realized
We have heard nothing from that quarter

I believe $100 was sent to you for the S S Library
you have doubtless rec it

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NORTH-WESTERN BRANCH OF THE U. S. Christian Commission. & ARMY & NAVY COMMITTEE ROOMS, YOUNG MEN'S Christian Association.
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H. W. HINSDALE.

~~Chicago~~ Louisville Ky 1863.

Mrs Sheldon Jackson
La Crescent Minnesota

August 6th

My very dear Wife I left Chicago last night & upon waking found myself at Indianapolis. There we breakfasted & remained 2 hours Left there at 7 O'clock. Got acquainted with a Capt Alex A Rice of Indiana on his return to the army of the Cumberland. He is in Col Wilder's celebrated mounted brigade. He is a warm Christian man & an old School presbyterian at that He is a very pleasant travling Companion & is willing to Communicate & explain things. His Company are in the advance & went last heard of were at a watering place (Some Springs in the Cumberland Mountains

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I says that it was very healthy there, good water & plenty of rations. We arrived here at noon to-day. As Capt Rice usualy stoped at the United States I came here with him. This ~~letter~~ PM I ~~after~~ took around to the Office of the Sanitary Commission a letter of introduction. They gave me a letter to the provost Marshall to facilitate my getting a Military pass to Nashville. In the Morning before starting have to have my baggage examined to see that I don't smuggle into Dixie.

Mr Thorne Agt of Sanitary Commission here has ~~to~~ shown me much attention & kindness. At 4 PM I attended a Meeting at the Soldiers home in honor of the day. Many of the citizens were in. Most of the stores here are closed & the streets very quiet

More like a fast than a Thanksgiving day. The principal Speaker at the Meeting this PM was the Rev Mr Bristol Chaplain of the Louisville Legion. He has been a life long Democrat & Minister in the Southern Methodist Church. His style was a good deal of the Parson Brownlow style & the Matter I never Expected to hear in a Slave State. He said since one had taunted him with leaving his Ch, He said Bible said Must follow a Multitude to do evil, & if ~~we~~ his Ch went to the devil, he was not fool enough to follow. Said one the word Abolitionist "skared" him ~~it~~ but now when he heard it, he was sure there was a good unconditional Union man And Democrat that he had so valiantly fought for his days past

was no synonomus with traitor
While "Constitutional Union men"
as they styled themselves were
mean sneaks. He said that
in battle he was accustomed to pat
the men on the back & see them
take good aim. He said that
he ~~was~~ had been chided for it &
told that he ought to pray for them
but he answered that he never knew
prayer to kill a Reb yet & he was
in favor of killing & disabling as
many as possible. Said that down
in Alabama he met a Meth Min-
ister who looked as though he was
crushed by a 5 millinn ~~ton~~ weight
& ~~heart~~ when he asked him what
was the matter received the stereotyped
answer of the South that he had been
defrauded of his rights — & upon inq-
uiry says the Chaplain I found that
his land & negroes had been sold by
the Sheriff for debt. That's Southern
rites says he to get rich from the
unrequitted labor of negroes & never pay
their debts — & turn & one of your
says he to the audience are making
a god of black skin — a god of thick
lips & curly hair &c. Are any
of you secesh? — If you are the devil
has got ~~you~~ hold of you. & thus
he went on for three quarters of an

he went on for 3/4 of an hour & he did not spare their feelings — Only one man got up & went out — This Chaplain is himself a Kentuckian. This State has gone 50,000 Majority this week in their State election (for the Union) They call it here an Abolition triumph Some Secesh very much disgusted with it. There are fewer flowers here in the front yards than I expected to see. The Corn crops in Indiana seem very poor Gardens not in advance of ours Peaches & apples however abundant Peaches in Chicago 3 for 5 cts, on the RR this a M Seven for 5 cts Saw a Carriage to day with two U.S. flags, their staffs crossed ~~on as co~~ painted on as Coat garms people don't seem to be on the fence here but are very decided one way or the other. If Willie don't come to saw wood remind him of his promise before you get out of his promise if he should fail you try that Henry on the hill. At the Sociable perhaps it would be well to settle it at the Sociable who will have it the next time. Your next letter you can direct to

Murfreesboro Tenn Case
of U.S. Christian Commission
We leave tomorrow Morning
at 8 O'clock for Nashville,
where I will remain over the
Sabbath. The 1st of next week
I will probably go on to Murfreesboro
Kindly
Kindly remember me to all
inquiring friends. Take good care
of yourself + + +

The
The Lord watch over & keep us
both
Ever your affectionate
Husband

NORTH-WESTERN BRANCH OF THE U. S. Christian Commission. & ARMY & NAVY COMMITTEE ROOMS, YOUNG MEN'S Christian Association.
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D. L. MOODY.
H. W. HINSDALE.

Louisville Ky
~~Chicago~~ Aug 7th 1863.

My dear People
La Crescent Minnesota
As you
perceive I have not yet reached
my field of labor & therefore
can not be expected to give you
any incidents of labor.

There is one thing however I
feel always free to do & particularly
now — that is ask a special interest
in your prayers. Since leaving
home I have met with several
chaplains & a few Christian Soldiers
who speak of the spiritual
difficulties that those who labor
in the army have to contend
with which things have im-
pressed my mind more deeply
than ever before with the present
necessity for more earnest & importunate

daily prayer in behalf of Chaplains Nurses, & others laboring for the Spiritual welfare of the Soldiers — Especially pray that my absence from you for a season may not be in vain, but that ~~as~~ the blessing of the H. Spirit may attend my labors, giving me wisdom to afford suitable instruction to the dying in camp & hospital, especially the dying. I shall be very much hindered from private prayer. This is another reason why should supply my lack in beseeching the Lord for me. Then too I need the glow of Christian feeling that will arise in my heart if you beseech the prayer hearing God for me, ~~that~~ will enable me not only to be earnest & faithful here, but also to come home refreshed & strengthened in spirit with greater zeal for the salvation of unconverted souls in our midst. Pray for me, as I try to pray for you day by day — Let unceasing supplications go up in my behalf — that as ancient prison gates were unlocked by the prayers of the Church, so hard hearts may be unlocked to Christ through the instrumentality of ~~my~~ God's Word through me.

Your Brother in the hopes of the Gospel

Sheldon Jackson

Winchester Tenn
13th Aug 1863

Mrs Sheldon Jackson
La Crescent Minnesota

My Dear Wife

I did not go on to Stevenson yesterday as I expected, but shall probably remain at this point for another week. I am not sorry as this is a good place to stop. The Commission rooms are in a confiscated Brick Store. We sleep up Stairs on very good cots. And board in a private family where we have good living. They are most excellent cooks. Oh Only trouble is apt to eat too much. Hard resisting good roast Mutton & peach Short cake. Peaches are very plenty here. Not to be purchased, but procured by foraging. A couple of the delegates went out yesterday to procure a supply for the Hospital

They brought a bushel to the

rooms for our private use.

Winchester is a very pretty place said to be one of the most beautiful in Tennessee. They have here the finest monthly roses I ever saw. But in all the way from La Crescent here I have not seen a show of verbena equal our own. Common shoe strings worth a cent a pr at home are ten cts here. Butter $1 pr lb. Butter milk 60 cts pr gallon, sweet milk 50 cts pr qt. in ~~Paper~~ U.S. money. Before our forces came here flour was $50 pr barrel. Where we board they have 5 cows so that we have plenty of milk & butter. They like many others in the village have a Soldier ~~Stat~~ Stationed at their house to protect their property. The man is an Deacon in the Cumberland Presbyterian Ch of this place & very much of a gentleman.

This morning I visited Hospital No 2. There are no severe cases of sickness. After leaving the hospital I visited the Military prison conversing with & distributing papers among the Reb prisoners. Almost every hour some of them come over here under guard after a clean shirt or pr of drawers or socks. & we clothe them. This PM I expect to go over to prison & write a letter for one of them to his wife. Yesterday I attended at the rooms all day giving out religious papers to soldiers & making up packages for different Regts.

Except when you are exercising in the sun it is not uncomfortably warm here. So far we have had a shower each afternoon to cool the air & the nights have been cool, so

that I have had to have a guilt over me at night. With this letter I mail you a little paper published in Army hire also a peice of Music for Mrs Andrews. I received a letter from Mother yesterday.

We have two daily prayer Meetings here. One sustained by the Soldiers themselves at the Methodist Ch, & the other led by Members of the Commission at the Cumberland Pres Ch. Both Chs are crowded So also is our room from morning to night. The Commission is doing a great & much needed work.

Quite frequently Officers come in & make donations in money as a grateful recognition of the good done by the Commission

Mrs Sheldon Jackson
La Crescent Minnesota

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Minnesota
Tennessee

My very dear Wife

Aug 10th 1863

I have delayed the course yesterday
I am glad you keep up so good courage
I think the time coming when we do
good all around. Elders
Morris & Atkinson good. Many daily pray that it may be sanctified to you. I think the people generally
feel well today before leaving Corinth
I have letter from Mrs Clark with
I left home. Surprise to Mrs Lewis
There are no old Sab School papers unless
they are in the library at the ch.
Sidney E. Foster of Galesburg is here
a Col commanding a Brigade
A nephew of Dr Burnes of Galesburg
is surgeon in one of his regiments
He came & made himself known
to me yesterday. Sabbath am
I preached to my Reg. in Calhoun
This the afternoon we have been
mustered in the Pres & Meth
Also got the same honor. Bat

ches were full - It was a very interesting occasion. There were only 2 ladies present at the Cumberland Church. In the morning I went over & preached to the Rebel prisoners. Several of them are handcuffed. These are accused of being bushwhackers. The Provost Marshal took dinner with us yesterday - He says that Fremont's secession sympathies get no favors from him. Instead he considers them more guilty than the others & is thought less lenient with them. The two Chs are crowded every evening & quite a number rise for prayer. We had expected to have opened another Church this week & hold S. Meetings each evening. It is a constant source of surprise to me, to see how much religious interest there is in this Army. I have not heard a drunken Soldier since I have been here. Sabbath was as quiet as in La Crosse.

This morning large trains of Supply waggons are moving through the town towards the fort. Troops are breaking up camps down on the Point.

My health is good. I like the work. Hope I am useful - am learning a good deal & am getting along finely. My only care is for your comfort at home. As you are so lonesome I will not stop at Galesburgh on my return but come directly home. The days go by very rapidly here & the weeks seem very short.

The blessing of the Lord
remain with you. Love
to all friends

Affectionately Your
Husband

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Mrs Allen Sheldon Jackson
La Crescent, Minn

Field Hospital
Cowan Tenn
~~Chicago,~~ 1863.

My Dear Wife

We got our boxes of religious reading open yesterday & it would have done your heart good to have seen the halt, the sick & the maimed throng our tents & the spaces in front for something to read. Some of them hungered for the Word of Life & Testaments disappeared very rapidly. More merely desired reading in order to pass away the time, for they had had no reading secular or religious since they had been here

There are a good many Church members here, who cling to their Savior. Last evening I preached in the Convales cent Camp & had great freedom

in speaking; It is no trouble whatever to talk to the men about Christ or preach without notes -

There is an earnestness & a reality about everything that impresses all who come within its influence. We are having about one death a day here - By the blessing of God I myself keep remarkably well. Attended a funeral this morning - also distributed papers at the tent. This afternoon went over to the Camp of the 69th Ohio & distributed papers from tent to tent. This evening have prayer meeting in the convalescent Camp. Br Cushing had prayer meeting this PM in one of the wards of the hospital. We greatly enjoy our work - At Winchester I met Ayres - who married Cameron's niece. He is looking very well. Says he is ~~in Dover~~ connected with the printing press at Gen Rosecran's Head Quarters - Wanted to be remembered to La Crescent people when I wrote. Takes a long while for letters to find us in the army. I have as yet only received one from you since I left home. We have two tents here for our quarters & are messing with the Surgeons of whom there are some ten or twelve. They live pretty good considering the difficulty of obtaining supplies. This army as far as my experience goes is well supplied with good bread I would never ask for better I think of you very often & pray

for you almost continually
Keep up good Courage - Take
good Care of yourself - The
time will soon roll around
when I will be home again
by the blessing of God - I like
the work here & would be glad
to stay longer, yet for your sake
will be glad to get Home
again. Kind Remembrances
to Libby

Your affectionate
Husband